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FRONT COVER CAPTION:
Sunderland's Rob Hindmarch challenges Watford's Ross Jenkins for possession.

MARK Chamberlain, called up by England after just eight First Division games, surveyed his fairytale rise to fame and declared: "Everything has happened so quickly it's difficult to believe it's true."

Incredibly it was only two months ago when Mark was worrying about establishing a regular place in the top flight.

Now he finds himself part of new England manager Bobby Robson's long-term World Cup plans and the 20-year-old admits:

"My main priority when I joined Stoke was to earn a regular place in the side. The prospect of playing for England never occurred to me."

Mark's call-up for the friendly against West Germany at Wembley earlier this week, followed a series of dazzling wing displays against some of the country's top defenders.

The 20-year-old, plucked from Fourth Division obscurity in the close season, suddenly found himself the overnight hero of the Stoke faithful as he rekindled fires dormant for years in the mould of the legendary Stanley Matthews.

But few would have predicted his shock England chance coming so quickly.

Stoke manager Richie Barker was the man who broke the news to his young starlet — sprinting over to where he was training as soon as he heard.

"I was both surprised and delighted," says Mark.

"All my team mates congratulated me and gave me a round of applause.

"It was a little embarrassing because I've only been in the First Division five minutes."

Bobby Robson selected three other players with no First Division experience prior to this season — Gary Mabbutt of Spurs and Watford duo Luther Blissett and John Barnes.

But Mark's inclusion was the biggest shock because the others all have international experience with the England Under-21 side.

And the young 'wizard of the wing' admits: "I would have thought that the manager would have included me in the Under-21 squad first. No way did I expect to

THE PLAYERS' VERDICT: HIS TEAM MATES

SAMMY MCILROY

I'VE never seen a quicker out and out winger than Mark.

It's too early to start comparing him with top class players, but he's got the temperament and ability to go all the way. Mark is a tremendous prospect. I only wish he'd been born Irish!

It's incredible to think that this is his first season in the top flight. He's shown no nerves at all and has been destroying full-backs as if he's played in the top flight all his life.

On his debut he gave Arsenal full-back Kenny Sansom a tough time and there's not many players who can do that.

STOKE City Football Club, for so long condemned to the shadows of the First Division, have emerged into the glare of the spotlight.

On the heels of the League's leaders and scoring goals, Richie Barker's new-look side has set the Victoria Ground buzzing again.

climb the ladder this quickly.

"Of course it was a great experience for me to train and play with some of the best players in the country and I thoroughly enjoyed my spell with the England squad."

Before being picked for the squad against West Germany, Mark's only previous international experience was for England Schoolboys. He was capped eight times as a 15-year-old.

But the youngster hasn't let his overnight success go to his head. He says: "I'm a pretty level-headed person. I hope I can take it all in my stride.

"I love playing in the First Division. It's a completely different world compared to Port Vale.. Everything is so much bigger," enthuses Mark.

"Playing in front of the larger crowds has been really exciting for me. I find they gee me up and make me want to play better.

"I haven't found it that difficult to adjust to the First Division. Obviously I'm up against better players but I get more time. In the

Fourth the tackles are a lot harder."

Stoke paid £150,000 for Mark but they could have signed him for nothing. The local boy had already signed schoolboy forms for Port Vale when their city rivals moved in.

And says Mark: "I decided to stay with Vale because I felt I stood a better chance of breaking into League football with a smaller club."

Last season the winger was linked with several First Division clubs as he turned in some consistently good displays to help Vale to their highest League position for many years.

"I had a feeling that I'd be on my way," says Mark. "My contract was due to expire at the end of this season and I felt ready for a higher standard of football.

"The move to Stoke was ideal for me. It's great to play for your home town club."

• **Mark Chamberlain is Match Weekly's First Division 'Matchman of the Month'** — see pages 18 and 19.



Above: Double take! Mark (right) and his brother Neville get snap happy. Top right: George Berry. Bottom right: Sammy McIlroy.

GEORGE BERRY

HE'S got the football world at his feet. If he can establish himself in the England side in the next year or so there's no limit to what he can achieve.

He reminds me very much of former West Brom and England winger Laurie Cunningham. The only difference is that Mark is faster!

I believe that the lad can only get better. He's still learning the game and the England call-up has been a tremendous boost to his confidence.

But it isn't just his speed that makes him so special. He's so unpredictable. When he gets the ball he excites me and I'm his team mate! You never know what he's going to do.

NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN

MARK and I played together in the same Port Vale side for two seasons so I've known for a long time what a good player he is.

Obviously his main asset is his speed off the mark — he's so quick. He also loves taking people on and beating them.

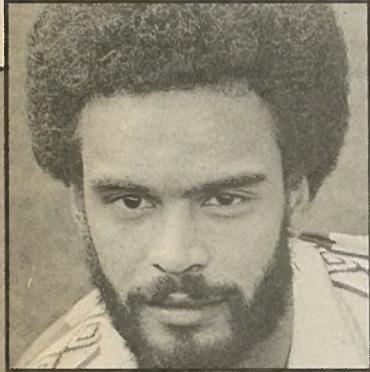
Mark's success with Stoke has done him a lot of good. Before he came to The Victoria Ground he was quite a shy person. Success has brought him out of his shell.

It's been a fairytale six weeks for my brother and I'm absolutely delighted for him. The whole family were very proud when he was named in the England squad.

And the name on the tip of every Stoke fan's tongue is that of Mark Chamberlain — the black kid whose dazzling wing play has turned him into an overnight sensation.

'Match' pays tribute to the youngster being hailed as the 'new Stanley Matthews'.

MARK FIRES UP THE POTTERIES



HIS FIRST OPPONENT

KENNY SANSOM (Arsenal)

A LOT of people have said that Mark gave me a hard time on his debut for Stoke on the opening day of the season.

Although we did come face to face on a few occasions my job that day wasn't specifically to mark him. I was playing a more forward role.

But I was very impressed by the young lad's skill. He loves running at defenders and taking them on. When he gets to the byeline he has the ability to put in a perfect cross.

The thing I liked most about Mark was his never-say-die attitude. If he got tackled it didn't worry him or affect his confidence. When he next got the ball he'd still come at you.

His success hasn't really surprised me because I believe it's easier for the skilful player to shine in the top flight. In the Third and Fourth Divisions you get kicked more.



Kenny Sansom.

GOALIES GALORE

STOKE became the second First Division club this season to use three goalkeepers in a League match.

After Peter Fox was sent off, midfield player Paul Bracewell took over until half time. Then it was full-back Derek Parkin's turn to don the jersey in the second half.

The other team to use three 'keepers were Luton (at Liverpool), and, yes, you've guessed it, Stoke's opponents in a thriller 4-4 draw were Luton.

It seems to be a season of stand-in goalkeepers.

One of the latest heroes was Fulham defender Kevin Lock who spent all but two minutes in goal at Middlesbrough when Eire international Gerry Peyton was carried off with a head injury.

But the blow only spurred Fulham to greater heights as they inflicted Middlesbrough's second 4-1 home defeat of the season.

On strike, brothers!

THE Mabbutt brothers were both among the goals in that Saturday of big scores... September 25. England Under-21 international Gary followed up his two goals in Denmark with two more for Tottenham in their 4-1 defeat of Nottingham Forest.

Across the other side of London, brother Kevin was scoring twice in Crystal Palace's 3-0 defeat of Middlesbrough.

■ SWANSEA, struggling near the bottom of the First Division, have been hit by the loss of former skipper Colin Irwin who may be out for the rest of the season.

The former Liverpool defender had to have an operation after seriously injuring a knee during the 2-0 defeat at Aston Villa.



OH BROTHER! Fifteen-year-old Carl Hoddle (left) is measuring up well to big brother Glenn.

Carl has just signed junior forms at White Hart Lane — following in the stud marks of the man rated the most talented midfielder in the country.

And says Tottenham and England star Glenn: "It would be marvellous if one day we could play together in the same team."

"Carl has the ability, I'm sure. All he needs now is a little bit of luck and plenty of dedication."

"I'm sure he can make it, but it's in his own hands."

"I'll always be there to give him advice if he asks for it, but he's got to be his own man."

"We have a good brotherly relationship. With there being a ten-year gap in our ages, there's no question of any rivalry."

"We still enjoy a kick-about together in the back garden."

Gillingham suited by Tony's goals

PUT your shirt on Tony Cascarino ...

That's the cry going up from the Gillingham terraces in a direct reference to his unique transfer deal.

Twenty-year-old Tony was signed from Kent League side Crockenhill nine months ago... in exchange for a new set of tracksuits!

And he proved a real bargain with four goals in his first five games of the season.

The sweetest was against Millwall, a team he used to support, and he earned Gillingham their first League win of the season.

It was one more towards his target of 20 for the season and further evidence of how easily the 6ft 2in striker has made the step up to professional football.

He says: "I did not find it too difficult at first, but full-time training is definitely paying off me now."

"I did struggle a bit, but then I struggled a lot in the Kent League at times."

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■ DONCASTER, victors over Reading in a bizarre 7-5 thriller, went out and signed another striker a few hours after the match!

Manager Billy Bremner decided to swap Welsh Under-21 international midfield player Daryl Pugh for Huddersfield striker Terry Austin.

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■ NEW Wolves goalkeeper John Burridge has soon written himself into the club's record books.

The £75,000 signing from Queen's Park Rangers kept his sixth successive clean sheet in the 2-0 home victory over Rotherham to set a new club goalkeeping record.

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■ THE television rendering of 'The Old Rover' by Northern Ireland star Gerry Armstrong after the World Cup defeat by France earned him two double LP records from Polydor.

They were so impressed with the Watford striker's performance that they sent him records of Irish folk music titled 'All That Folk Fits'.

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DEBUT DISASTER

FORMER Burnley and Leeds striker Ray Hankin hit the headlines on his Middlesbrough debut for the wrong reasons.

He was sent off during the 4-1 home defeat by Grimsby along with team-mate Mick Kennedy.

Ray, who had a spell with Arsenal last season, has joined the struggling Second

Division club from Vancouver Whitecaps for £85,000.

■ THIRD Division Reading have signed Charlton's Martin Robinson on a month's loan with a view to a £20,000 transfer.

Robinson has been unable to find a first team place at The Valley following the signings of Welsh international Carl Harris and Steve White.

Wednesday finale . . .

THE England v Scotland clash will again be the climax of this season's British Championship.

But the match is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1 instead of the traditional Saturday finale.

The other British Championship dates are: May 24 — England v Wales, Scotland v Northern Ireland. May 28 — Northern Ireland v England, Wales v Scotland; May 31 — Northern Ireland v Wales.

RONNIE'S RETURN BOOSTS BARNESLEY

Ronnie Glavin — celebrated his comeback in style.

BARNESLEY are back on the Second Division promotion road thanks to the dramatic return of their Scottish midfield scoring ace Ronnie Glavin.

The former Celtic player celebrated his comeback after nearly six months of injury problems with two goals as Barnsley collected their first win of the season at the expense of Burnley.

And then he followed up with another goal to set Norman Hunter's side on the way to a surprise 2-1 victory at Newcastle.

But he admits that his comeback came earlier than he had wanted.

"I had only played two reserve games since last April when I had a cartilage operation, before the boss put me straight back into the first team," says Ronnie, who signed a new two-year contract in the summer to end speculation about his future at Oakwell.

"I felt I wanted at least another two reserve games, but the boss decided to take a chance because the team hadn't won."

"And luckily for me, it paid off with three goals in two games."

Apart from a cartilage operation that closed his season nearly six weeks early, Ronnie also sustained ankle ligament damage on the first day of training and that meant another delay.

But now Ronnie, the club's top scorer two seasons ago when they were promoted from the Third Division, is hoping he can help the Yorkshire club into the First Division.

"Barring injuries and suspensions, I think we shall be there or thereabouts at the end of the season," says Ronnie.

"Myself, Joe Joyce and Derek Parker all missed a lot of games through injury last season, which didn't help our chances, yet we still finished in the top six."

"I know we have lost big striker Trevor Aylott, but we are hoping that new signing Tony Cunningham from Lincoln will prove an adequate replacement."

● TURN to Page 13 for Ronnie Glavin's 'Golden Goal'.

POSKETT'S 4-GOAL BLAST!

CARLISLE'S Malcolm Poskett (left) became the first player to score four goals in a League match this season.

Crystal Palace were the victims as the former Watford striker earned his side a 4-1 Second Division victory.

And, within 24 hours, Northampton's Dave Syrett did likewise in the 7-1 hammering of Bristol City in a Fourth Division clash.

The defeat left Terry Cooper's side in the re-election zone just four years after leaving the First Division.

Hero and villain

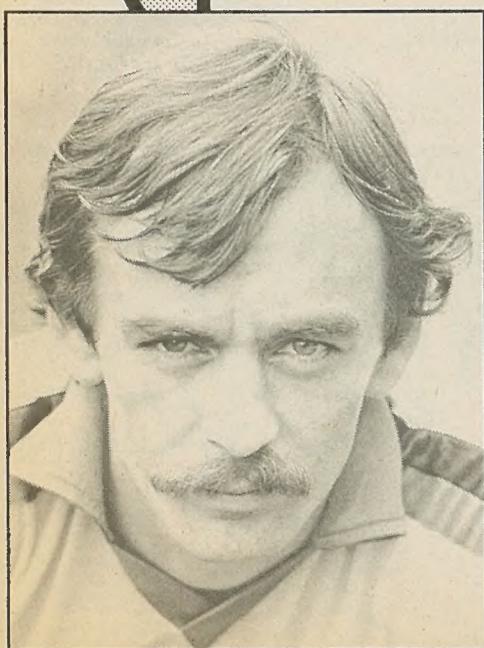
FOOTBALL is a game of ups and downs, just ask Port Vale defender Phil Sproson.

He was the villain in the first half against Chester with an own goal and a booking.

But, by the end of the match, he had turned into a hero with two goals to earn

Lincoln directors had to withstand some abuse from the fans during the home game with Orient following the £80,000 sale of top scorer Tony Cunningham to Barnsley.

But at the end of the match they were saluting Cunningham's replacement Derek Bell. He scored both goals in the 2-0 victory that took Lincoln to the top of the Third Division.

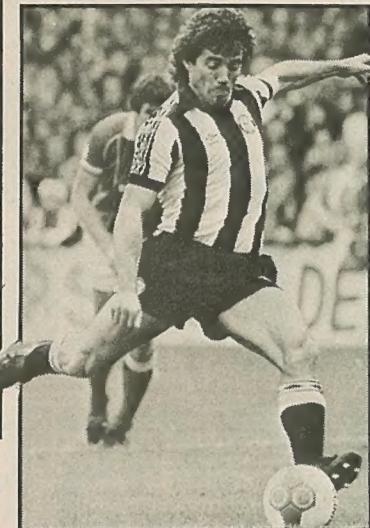




One ... Kevin rounds grounded keeper Bob Mountford after a great through ball from Terry McDermott.

KEVIN Keegan is still the king! Just a few days before England boss Bobby Robson announced his squad for the friendly against West Germany, the Newcastle skipper turned on a four goal super show to prove he's still the deadliest striker in the business.

Kevin showed no mercy towards his former Liverpool and England skipper Emlyn Hughes. He tore his old friend's team apart and inspired Newcastle to a



magnificent 5-1 victory as our picture special shows.

After the match Kevin repeated his decision never to play for England again and said: "My challenge is now with Newcastle."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the game against Rotherham although I've played better in my career and not scored."

"Much of the credit must go to my new team-mate Terry McDermott. He made all the difference. We needed a player of his class to split defences. He provided me with some great passes."

Newcastle manager Arthur Cox praised his superstar skipper by saying: "If there's a better player in his position in England I've yet to see him."

"He took his goals magnificently although I felt he could have finished up with five or six. I was disappointed with a couple of misses."

Rotherham player-manager Emlyn Hughes added: "It was a fabulous performance by Kevin and I was very pleased for him. It was just a pity that he chose to do it against us!"

Two ... the Newcastle skipper is something of a penalty expert and he makes no mistake with this spot kick in the 22nd minute.

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Kevin coolly places
the ball past Bob
Mountford after being
freed by Mick Martin.*

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Kevin crashes the ball
into the back of the
net for his fourth.*



ENGLISH football is going soft because of the Football League's new 'get tough' policy.

Players are becoming scared to commit themselves to the tackle for fear that they'll get booked or even sent off as the referees carry out the new clean-up campaign.

The English game is based on the good old fashioned tackle. Fans love to see a full-blooded challenge for a fifty-fifty ball. That's in danger of dying.

Of course there are going to be mistimed tackles occasionally, but this season players are getting sent off for challenges which wouldn't have brought a telling off a couple of years ago.

Commonsense should be allowed to prevail. At the moment we are wrapping our game up in cotton wool.

Manchester United's UEFA Cup games against Valencia really brought the point home to me. Had they been controlled by an English official the Spaniards would have had three or four players ordered off.

It may sound like sour grapes now, but, in my view, any team that can intimidate referees and other players in Europe are going to get results.

We've got to act before English clubs fall behind the rest of Europe.

I only came on for the last 10 minutes for our second leg tie against the Spaniards. I was due to play the whole game but my knee trouble flared up again and there was no way I could stand the full 90 minutes.

In hindsight I came back too soon after my close season cartilage operation. Before the campaign started the knee felt smashing and everything looked good.

But playing and training constantly on hard grounds took its toll and at half-time during the Southampton match on September 18 it had swollen up so much that I had to be taken off.

Disappointing

The most disappointing thing is that the injury kept me out of the England squad for the matches against Denmark and West Germany.

All the places in the England team are up for grabs so the player who gets there first and creates an impression will be in the driving seat.

There's nothing I can do about it. I've just got to concentrate on getting fit and hope that when I do make my return to the United first team, I get a chance to prove myself at international level.

I was very pleased to see that Bobby Robson wasn't scared to introduce new blood into the squad. The selection of players like Stoke's Mark Chamberlain and Luther Blissett and John Barnes of Watford showed that he intends England to be an attacking team.

But the introduction of new players brings it home to the seniors that their places aren't guaranteed.

I hope to be fit for our game against Liverpool at Anfield on Saturday, although I'm not sure whether Ron Atkinson will want to risk me for such an important fixture.

The game against the League Champions is the big one — the gloves will finally come off.

The result will be a very important pointer for the rest of the season. It will be a great confidence booster for whichever team wins the fixture.

The visit to Anfield isn't as daunting as it used to be — after all we won there last season so we all know that we're capable of going there and beating them.

Even though Liverpool were going through an indifferent spell at the time it was still a feather in our cap to actually come away with three points.

This season Liverpool have made a couple of subtle changes to their personnel, but once again the effect is exactly the same — they still keep winning.

A week after our encounter with the Merseyside giants we face another big test...

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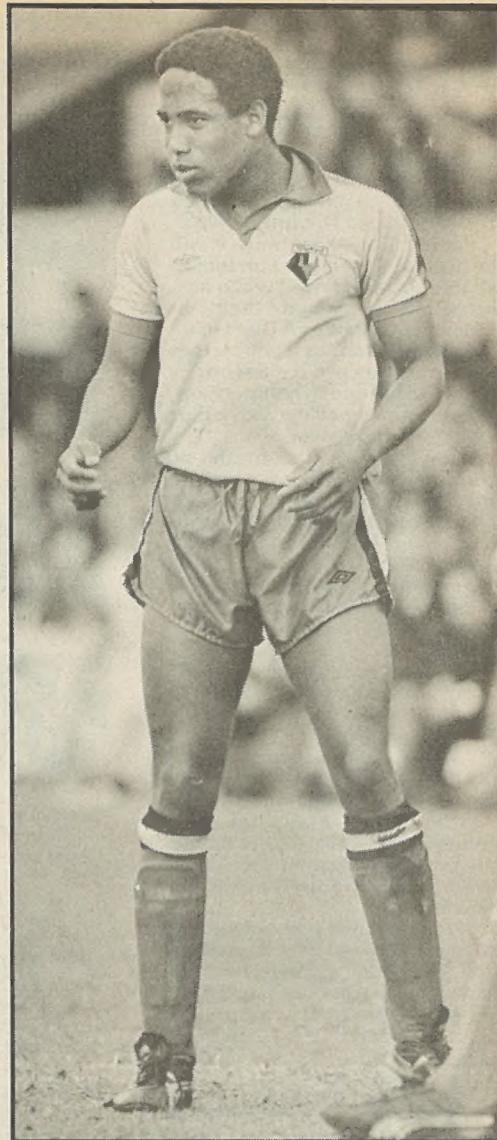
THE STEVE COPPELL COLUMN

The Manchester United favourite attacks soccer's new clean-up campaign. Don't miss his regular column — it's only in 'Match'.

the derby game against Manchester City at Old Trafford.

Now this is the big one for the Manchester fans. If you win this you can hold your head up high in the city and feel as though you've done your bit.

Unfortunately over the last couple of seasons we have struggled against our deadly



Watford's John Barnes — his inclusion in the England squad shows that Bobby Robson intends to build an attacking team.

rivals even though League form has favoured us. They are a bogey side for us. They always seem to pull out that bit extra when we meet them.

This season the City side has changed so much that you never quite know who's going to be in the side from one game to the next. Against Coventry for instance they introduced a 16-year-old apprentice, Paul Simpson. That was a very enterprising move from manager John Bond.

I'm glad that we won't be playing a Manchester City side with Trevor Francis in it. My England team-mate has the ability to score brilliant and unexpected goals so at least we're spared that.

David Cross wasn't bought as Trevor's replacement but he's certainly taken over the goalscoring mantle. In fact David's record shows him to be a more consistent scorer than Trevor.

We'll have to keep a careful eye on the former West Ham striker because he's always popping up in dangerous positions.

One man who's relishing the game against City is our centre-half Gordon McQueen. He tells me that he and David have had some ding-dong battles in the past. Should be worth watching!

Steve Coppell

● Steve Coppell was taking to Anthony Hawkswell.

European cup competitions preview...

OSSIE Ardiles makes an emotional return to Britain next week to face a Swansea side on a journey into the unknown.

For the little Argentinian it will be his first appearance on these shores since last April when he helped Tottenham into their second successive FA Cup Final.

And for Swansea it will be their first appearance in the Second Round of European competition — the club never having won a Euro-tie before this season.

But while it's a 'first' for the club and a new experience for many of the 'Swans' players, skipper Ray Kennedy has seen it all before in his many successful years with Liverpool.

And looking forward to the Cup Winners' Cup clash with French side Paris St Germain he told 'Match':

"The Swansea players are determined to do well in the competition following last year's First Round exit.

"And we were very pleased with the draw because there are a lot of awkward teams left in the hunt.

"I didn't fancy a long trek to somewhere like Turkey or one of the Iron Curtain countries. At least this one will be a short hop for the second leg.

"From my own point of view I'd have preferred to have played the first leg in France. That's how we liked it at Liverpool because at least then you knew what you had

SWANS' FLIGHT INTO THE UNKNOWN



Swansea skipper Ray Kennedy — leading the club on an historic journey.

to do in front of your home fans.

"But at Swansea the lads prefer to get the home leg out of the way first.

"I don't know that much about the Paris based side although obviously I'm aware that they have Ossie Ardiles and French World Cup star Dominique Rocheteau in their line-up.

"What we must do is close them down and stop them playing.

"The French are very skilful but they don't like the physical stuff.

"If you give them a lot of room they have the ability to make fools of the opposition."

Swansea were forced to get through a preliminary tie against unknown Braga of Portugal before thrashing Sliema Wanderer's 17-0 on aggregate in the First Round.

And says Ray: "Having to play that preliminary tie before the League season started affected our early performances in the First Division.

"We were picking up injuries while other teams were still doing pre-season training.

"Everyone was at sixes and sevens and that was the reason for our bad start. Fortunately things look as though they are settling down now."

While the last round saw the demise of four English teams — Ipswich, Arsenal, Southampton

and Manchester United — each of the Scottish hopefuls made the Second Round draw.

And leading the charge are Celtic who put up an heroic performance to go through.

But heroes are quickly forgotten at Parkhead — ask striker George McCluskey.

He came on as substitute in Holland in the last round and scored the last minute winner that earned the Scottish Champions a 4-3 aggregate victory over Ajax.

But a few days later he was back on the substitute's bench for the fourth successive Premier Division game.

So George, who lost his place early last month to former Liverpool forward Frank McGarvey, expects nothing more than another substitute's role in Spain next week against Real Sociedad in the Second Round of the European Cup.

It's frustrating for the ace striker who was the Scottish Premier Division's top scorer last season, but he has to accept the situation with Celtic in such rampant form.

"I played with an ankle injury at the start of the season when I probably ought to have rested a while, so now I am paying for it by losing my place in the side," he says.

"It's just a matter of waiting for

my chance and then taking it with both hands."

After scoring the 'most important goal of my life' in Holland, he hopes to get another taste of European action in Spain next week.

"On paper, Real Sociedad should be more difficult than Ajax because they have several World Cup players in their side," says George.

"But, having seen the Spanish team in the World Cup Finals, I can't see it being any harder."

Their team includes goalkeeper/skipper Luis Arconada, tough defender Miguel Alonso, strikers Jesus Satrustegui and Lopez Ufarte and midfield star Jesus Zamora.

But, according to 'super sub' George, Celtic are quietly confident of progressing to the Quarter-Finals.

"We are playing with a lot of confidence and that victory over Ajax, who are still one of Europe's best sides, was a great boost.

"We've not had the kindest of draws in the European Cup. We got Juventus in the First Round last season and were unlucky to lose by the odd goal.

"But I see no reason why we can't make a real impact in the competition this time."

Rest of the draw: Shamrock Rovers (Ire) v Craiova (Rumania); Slask Wroclaw (Poland) v Servette (Switzerland); Anderlecht (Belgium) v FC Porto (Portugal); Werder Bremen (West Germany) v Brage (Sweden); Valencia (Spain) v Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia); Moscow Spartak (USSR) v Haarlem (Holland); St Etienne (France) v Bohemians (Czechoslovakia); Benfica (Portugal) v Lokeren (Belgium); AS Roma (Italy) v Norrkoping (Sweden); Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) v Bordeaux (France); Ferencvaros (Hungary) v FC Zurich (Switzerland); PAOK Salonika (Greece) v Seville (Spain); Napoli (Italy) v Kaiserslautern (West Germany); Cornival (Romania) v Sarajevo (Yugoslavia).

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Rest of the draw: Standard Liege (Belgium) v Juventus (Italy); Hamburg (West Germany) v Olympiakos (Greece); Rapid Vienna (Austria) v Widzew Lodz (Poland); CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) v Sporting Lisbon (Portugal); Nentori Tirana (Albania) v Dynamo Kiev (USSR).

**EUROPEAN CUP
WINNERS' CUP
Second Round**
TOTTENHAM v Bayern Munich (West Germany); SWANSEA v Paris

THE DRAW

St Germain (France); ABERDEEN v Lech Poznan (Poland).

Rest of the draw: Copenhagen 1893 (Denmark) v Waterschei (Belgium); Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) v Barcelona (Spain); AZ Alkmaar (Holland) v Inter Milan (Italy); Galatasaray (Turkey) v Austria Vienna (Austria); Real Madrid (Spain) v Ujpest Dosza (Hungary).

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Second Round**

Cologne (West Germany) v RANGERS; DUNDEE UNITED v Viking Stavanger (Norway).

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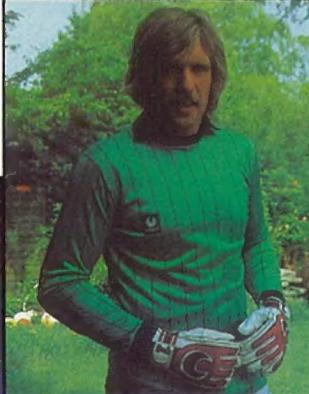
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Top left: Frank Stapleton celebrates with goalkeeper Mark Grew beaten as goalscorer Bryan Robson (on goal line) gives Manchester United the lead over West Brom at the Hawthorns. But it was Albion who had the last word — coming out 3-1 winners.

Top right: Sheer delight for Everton goalscorer Andy King (arms raised) as he is congratulated by team-mates Graeme Sharp (partly hidden) and Adrian Heath in the 5-0 rout of Aston Villa at Goodison Park.

Above: Number one coming up! Sheffield Wednesday's Gary Bannister (striped shirt) steers home his side's first against Leeds at Hillsborough... but it was the men from Elland Road who came out 3-2 winners.

Right: Terry Bullivant goes on a solo flight of ecstasy after scoring his first goal for his new club Charlton in the 2-2 draw at Oldham.

SCOTLAND manager Jock Stein has wielded the axe. Gone are star names like Danny McGrain, Alan Rough, Asa Hartford, Joe Jordan and Kenny Dalglish, who between them total more than 300 international caps.

It's the end of an era, but for one of those famous five, it could be the start of a new one as reporter Melvyn Beck discovered...

AXED Scotland goalkeeper Alan Rough wants to play in England in a desperate bid to save his international career.

"I'm still good enough for the international side but England is the only real place where I can prove it," declared the 30-year-old.

Alan accepts that unless he quits the Scottish First Division, after a 15-year spell with Partick, then he's played his last game for Scotland.

And that's why he's open to offers from any First or Second Division club in England.

"Partick are prepared to let me go and they might accept something under £50,000 now I'm no longer in the Scotland squad," says Alan, his country's most capped goalkeeper with 51 appearances.

"If an offer came from England's First or Second Division, then I would jump at the chance because it would give me an opportunity to win back my Scotland place."

"I didn't expect to retain my place in the squad for the European Championship clash with East Germany now that I'm playing in the Scottish First Division."

"It was hard enough stepping up from the Premier Division to international football, so it would be near-impossible going up from the First Division to that level."

"It would be like a Third or Fourth Division player in England trying to step into the international team."

"So I realised during the World Cup Finals in Spain that I might be playing my last games for Scotland, with Partick having been relegated last season."



"There was talk of a possible transfer to a Premier Division club during the close season but that fell through and so I was resigned to being dropped after six years as Scotland's first choice keeper."

"I'm now in a bit of a rut with Partick. At least when you are playing in the Premier, you have the bonus of big games against Rangers, Celtic and Aberdeen, but there's no atmosphere in the First Division."

"It's not affecting my game to that extent because I always give 100 per cent, and I know I can rise to the occasion when necessary."

Although much maligned by English fans over the years, the prospect of playing in the Football League doesn't worry him.

"I have lived with the criticism, and, if

anything, it made me more determined to do well," says Alan, who played in Scotland's last two World Cups.

"I've probably deserved some stick at times. I know I didn't have the best of World Cups in Argentina and Spain."

"But I counter the criticism by saying that five different Scotland managers made me their number one choice, so I couldn't have been that bad."

"I would relish the challenge in England. It would probably take me a little time to settle, but I adapted to international football over the years, so I shouldn't have any real problems."

The choice of Aberdeen's Jim Leighton as his successor in the national squad came as a surprise to Alan, who expected Arsenal's George Wood to get the job.

"He was my number two in Spain and I expected he was being groomed to take over from me," says Alan.

"So I imagine he must have been pretty sick to be excluded from the squad, particularly as he's keeping a player like Pat Jennings out of the side at Arsenal."

"Jim Leighton has been impressive with Aberdeen and I just hope he can step up from club level to the international scene."

"I was surprised that manager Jock Stein didn't have an experienced goalkeeper in the squad for such an important European Championship match."

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STRUGGLING Norwich could be a good bet for the FA Cup!

That's the view of their skipper Mick McGuire at a stage when the First Division newcomers appear to be heading for another relegation battle.

"On our day, we are capable of beating the best teams in the country, so on that basis we could be a good bet for the Cup," says the midfield driving force.

"But I'm not sure we are capable of consistently winning in the First Division to make us a real force at the moment."

"Football wise, I believe we are as good as most teams in the division, but we are being punished for mistakes, particularly at home, where we are allowing points to slip away."

"With three points for a win, you can't afford to keep slipping up at home."

"We did well at Arsenal and Everton with draws, but that was undone with home defeats by West Brom and Manchester City."

"We paralysed West Brom for most of the game but allowed them to nick a couple of goals to win 3-1, and we dropped a point against Southampton when we should have won."

"Obviously we have got to be



Mick McGuire — "We can't expect to compete with the big boys in the League."

concerned with our League position, but at this stage of the season two or three wins can push you well up the table.

"But if you continue to struggle, it breeds frustration and panic and that causes even more problems."

"We can't expect to compete with the big boys like Manchester United and Liverpool. When they have injuries, they can bring in seasoned internationals, but we can't."

"We've got a limited first team

says Mick McGuire

squad. For instance, when centre-half Dave Watson was out, we had to play striker John Deehan in defence and bring in young John Fashanu, who had hardly played in the senior side.

"Your sole intention when you win promotion from the Second Division is to survive in your first season."

"I'm not saying that you set out for a position of mediocrity, but I would regard a mid-table place at the end of the season as reasonably successful for us."

Certainly Norwich's return to the First Division after just one season in the Second has virtually gone unnoticed in the wake of the goal trail blazed by promotion comrades Luton and Watford.

But Watford's impressive start to their first-ever spell in the First Division has come as a surprise to the Norwich skipper.

"Although I feel the gap between the First and Second Divisions is gradually closing, I didn't expect Watford to make such an impact," he says.

"Watford and Luton are sides with vastly differing styles and I expected that they would be around the mid-table mark at this time."

"But Watford's uncomplicated approach is obviously unsettling First Division teams more than expected."

"Whether they can maintain this start is another matter. Only time will tell."



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As a result, we are struggling in the depths of the First Division with a lot of ground to make up.

It's too early to talk in terms of a crisis, but we appreciate that we face a crucial period with points vital in a bid to climb into a challenging position for European places.

That's the target of Arsenal every year... to get into Europe and hopefully pick up a domestic trophy.

But in many respects the club have been caught between two stools this season.

On one hand they acknowledge that the onus is on them and the players to provide entertainment to tempt back the missing fans, yet our normal, patient approach, much maligned by most supporters, has been a tried and trusted formula over the past few seasons.

Maybe we might have to revert to our old system in the near future if results don't improve.

In the 3-2 home defeat by West Ham, we played Alan Sunderland wide on the right with Lee Chapman and Tony Woodcock down the middle.

It's fine changing styles if you have the right players to do the job, but I'm not sure whether we have them at the moment.

It's a question of finding that right blend which has been Liverpool's trademark over the past ten years, and at the moment we are some way off the mark.

We certainly played to our strengths at Manchester United and were unlucky to return with nothing more than a goalless draw.

We played all the controlled football to frustrate a United side that had the pressure of producing the goods in front of their own fans.

But the following Saturday at home to West Ham we felt obliged to try and force the issue in front of 30,000, and the impressive Hammers' slaughtered us in the first half.

The other problem we have faced this season is playing with two new strikers in Lee Chapman and Tony Woodcock.

They are not used to making the kind of runs Frank Stapleton and Alan Sunderland produced in the past, and it's been a question of them, and the rest of the team, changing

THE GRAHAM RIX COLUMN

The Arsenal midfielder analyses the 'Gunners' poor start to the League season and shock exit from Europe.

their game slightly.

We are hoping that the pending arrival of Yugoslavian international Vladimir Petrovic will give us a boost.

He may be here before the turn of the year although we hope that by then we will have lifted ourselves away from the foot of the table.

To add to the despondency, we crashed out of the UEFA Cup at the first hurdle in rather unceremonious style to Russian side Moscow Spartak.

After only losing by the odd goal over there in the first leg, I really fancied our chances of winning at Highbury.

But the Russians grabbed an early goal, and, as we threw caution to the wind, we were well and truly punished to the tune of 5-2.

Being a goal down at half time, manager Terry Neill and coach Don Howe gambled by playing four men up front and only three at the back.

It was a brave move but while we created more chances than the Russians in the second half, they converted virtually all of theirs.

We left them so much space at the back that the pace and skill of their two front men took us to the cleaners.

The Russians' skill and technique was impressive and they thoroughly deserved their ticket into the Second Round.

It's frustrating for the club from a financial point of view to be dumped out of Europe in the First Round, but it's equally depressing for the players who worked hard throughout last



THAT'S

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season to achieve a UEFA place.

It was a pretty depressing night all round in the UEFA Cup with all of England's clubs being eliminated.

It's getting harder for English teams in Europe because they are expected to do well at a time when other nations have caught us up in footballing terms.

But one has to accept that ourselves, Manchester United and Ipswich had tough draws while Southampton discovered to their cost that Swedish football is much improved.

Scandinavian teams are no longer an easy touch. They have probably worked harder at their game than we have done over the past few years.

It is very difficult to change our system because we have to provide what the public wants week in week out.

British fans in general wouldn't accept the patient Continental football that has brought

success at the top level for teams like Italy and West Germany.

They want balls played into the penalty area as quickly as possible and probably that's the reason why our game has tended to stand still.

Yet, despite all the goalmouth thrills and excitement in our game against the Russians, fans were streaming away from the ground half an hour before the end, presumably because we were on the receiving end.

So that poses the question: Is it goalmouth thrills and excitement they want, or simply to see their team win?

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Graham Rix
● Graham Rix was talking to Melvyn Beck.

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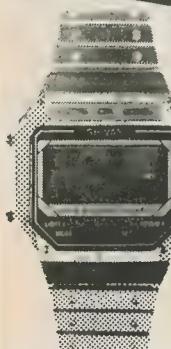
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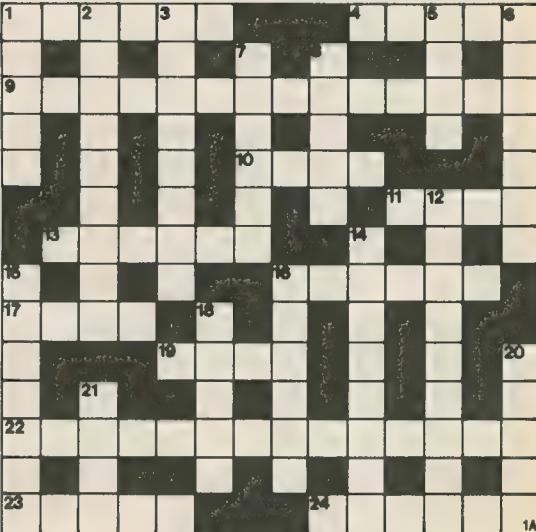
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Across

- World Cup opposition for England (6)
- England's team (5)
- 'Lot are dreadful' (anagram). This Florida team are one of the better NASL sides (4, 10)
- Unsettled Coventry midfielder (4)
- ... Young, who joined Sheffield Utd from 12 down (4)
- Goalkeeper Eric, who can't get into the Watford first team (6)
- He joined Stoke from Wolves on a free transfer (6)
- Simple club nickname (4)
- Chiedozie, team-mate of 22 across (4)
- Tall striker, who began his League career with 12 down and now plays for Notts County (6, 8)
- Canning, former Aston Villa and Northampton half-back who's often heard as a radio reporter (5)
- Referee ... Courtney handled the West Ham-Arsenal FA Cup Final (6)

Down

- The minimum permissible width (in yards) of the pitch (5)
- Scottish Division One club (3, 6)
- Chelsea signed this striker from Spurs (5, 3)
- It gives the number of goals by which your team is winning the match (4)
- The transfer tribunal fixed the price of this striker who quit Cardiff for Shrewsbury this season (7)
- 'Ride up' (anagram) — and find Ian who was with Wigan and Portsmouth (6)
- The nickname of Chester (5)
- Club which had two men notching hat-tricks in a September League match (9)
- 'Net price' (anagram) — it's good value for a former Hearts, Rangers and Falkirk half-back who later managed Arbroath, Clyde and Dundee (8)
- City represented in Divisions Three and Four (7)
- The nickname of inside-forward Mark Pearson who played for Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday, Fulham and Halifax (6)
- Top-scorer for Rotherham last season and the season before (5)
- Hetzke joined Blackpool from Reading in the close season (5)
- The post which the keeper covers when he's under attack (4)



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FILL in the blanks to make sense of these soccer statements.

- Coventry's new signing ... scored a hat-trick on his home debut against ... this season.
- Former England striker ... left Newcastle after just a month.
- Scottish Premier Division side ... play at Dens Park.
- Watford's ... made his debut for Wales against ...
- Manchester United signed striker ... from North American Soccer League club ... earlier this season.

RIDDLE TIME

I'M currently playing for my fourth First Division club. A Welsh international, I made my debut for my country in October 1976. I was a member of one of the 1979 FA Cup Final teams.

The identity of this week's mystery personality will be revealed in next week's 'Match'.

● The answer to last week's Riddle Time was: Mervyn Day (Orient).

SOLUTIONS

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MARK Chamberlain, the dashing black Stoke winger plucked from Fourth Division obscurity this season, has completed a meteoric rise to stardom by winning Match Weekly's Division One 'Matchman of the Month' award.

And to complete a remarkable success story for revitalised Stoke, their other new winger, Welsh international Mike Thomas, took second place.

But all eyes so far this season have been on former Port Vale youngster Mark, who has taken the First Division by storm.

He collected numerous 'Matchman of the Month' awards during his Fourth Division days and now he has proved that he can also achieve fame at the highest level.

He achieved an impressive average rating of 8.28 in Stoke's first seven matches of the season, with Mike Thomas,

approaching his best after undistinguished spells at Brighton and Everton, on 7.85.

Then came two of the First Division's brightest jewels, and possible England stars of the future, in West Ham's Alan Devonshire and Luton striker Brian Stein.

Midfield star Alan has shaken off last season's injury problems to put himself right in the firing line for a return to the England team.

First Division newcomer Brian has already shown his scoring ability in the top flight with eight goals in Luton's first seven games, including a hat-trick against Brighton.



Mike Thomas — made it a memorable one-two for Stoke in the First Division awards.

OF THE MONTH

MARKS FOR STOKE STARS

● ALTHOUGH Newcastle may not have made the impact they expected in the opening weeks of the season, their new defender, Jeff Clarke, was particularly outstanding.

So impressive, in fact, that he carried off the Second Division award with an average rating of 7.71 from Newcastle's first seven League matches.

Although former England skipper Kevin Keegan has been the talk of the North East, it's been the ex-Sunderland skipper who has proved a model of consistency on the pitch.

It was a close run thing with Fulham duo Gordon Davies and Ray Houghton achieving the same average mark.

However, it was the dominant figure of Clarke who collected more star ratings than his London rivals.

He accumulated four, with Welsh international striker Davies on three and club mate Houghton, Fulham's recent acquisition from West Ham, on two.

● LINCOLN CITY, top of the Third Division at the end of last month, also contained the section's most consistent player in their ranks in midfield operator Glenn Cockerill.

Glenn, who returned to Lincoln last season from Swindon, had an average rating of 7.71 as Colin Murphy's side, pipped for promotion last term, set out on the right road towards achieving Second Division status this time.

Team-mate Steve Thompson was among the trio in second place, sharing a figure of 7.50 with Millwall's Paul Roberts and Southend's experienced goalkeeper Mervyn Cawston.

● STRIKER Bob Newton has made a dramatic start with new club Port Vale.

With two star ratings in his first three matches for the Potteries' club, the former Hartlepool forward topped the Fourth Division ratings with 7.66.

That left him clear of another striker, Blackpool's lanky goal ace Dave Bamber, and Scunthorpe goalkeeper Joe Neenan, who made an eye-catching contribution to his club's successful start to the season.

● ST MIRREN goalkeeper Billy Thomson, axed from the Scotland squad shortly before the World Cup Finals, has been awarded the first honour in the Scottish Premier Division.

Billy dead-heated with Aberdeen star and 'Match' columnist Gordon Strachan — even after the number of star ratings had been taken into consideration.

But it was decided to award the plaque to Billy in recognition of his determined battle to regain his place in the international squad.

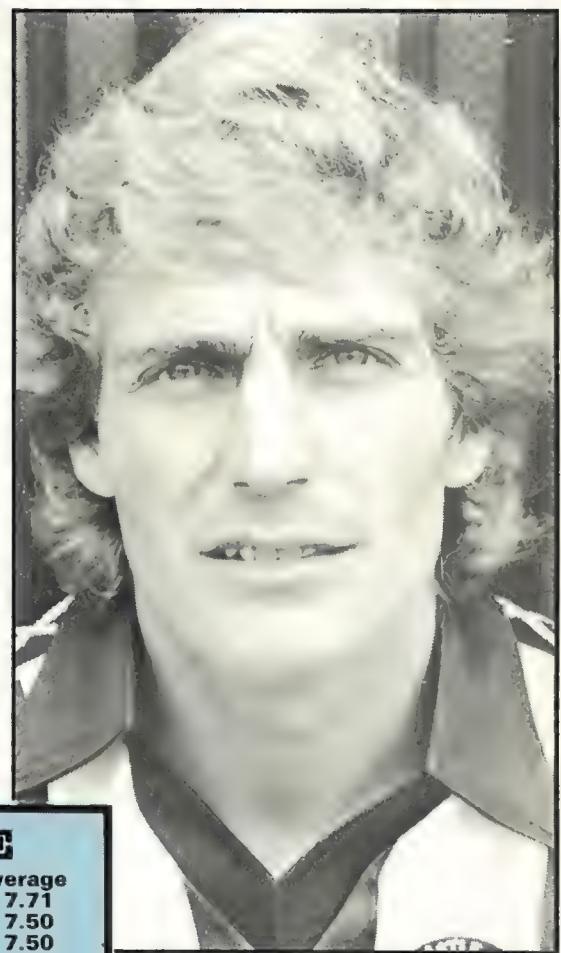
In fact, there was a four-way tie on 7.50, but the other two, Rangers' skipper John McClelland and Motherwell's Stuart Rafferty, had less star ratings.

MATCH Weekly's prestigious 'Matchman of the Month' awards are back!

The awards are based on individual player ratings in League matches included in our exclusive 'Match Facts' section.

And players must figure in at least three League matches for one club during the month to qualify.

Here we present the five divisional winners for September:



DIVISION ONE

Player		Games	Average
Mark Chamberlain (Stoke)		7	8.28
Mike Thomas (Stoke)		7	7.85
Brian Stein (Luton)		7	7.71
Alan Devonshire (West Ham)		7	7.71
Garry Birtles (Nott'm Forest)		3	7.66
Peter Shilton (Southampton)		7	7.57
Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)		7	7.57
Sammy Lee (Liverpool)		7	7.57
Garry Brooke (Tottenham)		6	7.50
Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham)		4	7.50
Billy Bonds (West Ham)		7	7.42
Luther Blissett (Watford)		7	7.42
Ian Rush (Liverpool)		7	7.42
Graeme Souness (Liverpool)		7	7.42

DIVISION THREE

Player		Games	Average
Glenn Cockerill (Lincoln)		7	7.71
Paul Roberts (Millwall)		6	7.50
Steve Thompson (Lincoln)		6	7.50
Mervyn Cawston (Southend)		4	7.50
Francis Joseph (Brentford)		7	7.42
Danny Wilson (Chesterfield)		7	7.42
Steve Elliott (Preston)		7	7.42
Jimmy Mullen (Cardiff)		7	7.42
Steve Phillips (Southend)		7	7.42
Trevor Peake (Lincoln)		7	7.42
Phil Turner (Lincoln)		7	7.42

DIVISION FOUR

Player		Games	Average
Bob Newton (Port Vale)		3	7.66
Dave Bamber (Blackpool)		6	7.50
Joe Neenan (Scunthorpe)		7	7.42
Rod Arnold (Mansfield)		7	7.28
Mick Laverick (York)		7	7.28
Dave Beasant (Wimbledon)		7	7.28

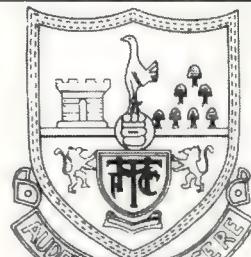
SCOTTISH PREMIER

Player		Games	Average
Billy Thomson (St Mirren)		4	7.50
Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen)		4	7.50
John McClelland (Rangers)		4	7.50
Stuart Rafferty (Motherwell)		4	7.50
Cammy Fraser (Dundee)		4	7.25
David Docherty (Morton)		4	7.25
Jackie McNamara (Hibernian)		4	7.25
David Narey (Dundee United)		4	7.25

DIVISION TWO

Player		Games	Average
Jeff Clarke (Newcastle)		7	7.71
Gordon Davies (Fulham)		7	7.71
Ray Houghton (Fulham)		7	7.71
Bob Hazell (QPR)		8	7.50
John Lukic (Leeds)		6	7.50
Frank Gray (Leeds)		6	7.50
Micky Droy (Chelsea)		7	7.42
Kevin Mabbett (C. Palace)		7	7.42
Dave Swindlehurst (Derby)		5	7.40
Gary Waddock (QPR)		8	7.37

Jeff Clarke — outshone Kevin Keegan at Newcastle in September to take the Second Division award.



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ARGENTINA skipper Daniel Passarella has come under fire from his own club president in Italy.

The Florence president has issued an ultimatum to the team manager and declared that Passarella is only a shadow of the player who represented the former world champions in Spain.

His outburst follows the club's first round exits from the Italian Cup and the UEFA Cup.

After the side had lost 3-1 in Rumania to Craiova, he said the team played like a 'band of wet chickens' and publicly asked if it was the real Passarella in the team.

It now looks as though the job of manager De Sisti is in some jeopardy and big changes could upset the likes of Passarella, fellow Argentinian Daniel Bertoni and Italian star Giancarlo Antagnoni.



French World Cup star Alain Giresse —
bound for America?

TWO-STAR GERMANY

WEST Germany now have only two world class players, and skipper Karl-Heinz Rummenigge isn't one of them, says German football paper Kicker.

They believe that defender Karl Heinz Forster and winger Pierre Littbarski are the only world class players in the current squad.

And, as if to back their judgment, those two players filled the first two places in the German 'Footballer of the Year' poll.

Forster polled 644 votes, well ahead of Littbarski with Rummenigge in third place.

Meanwhile, West Germany recently added to the problem of seeking the release of foreign-based players for international matches.

The European Champions in requesting the release of Uli Stielike from Real Madrid and Hansi Muller from Inter Milan, got their addresses mixed up.

They sent the Muller request to Madrid and the Stielike letter to Milan!

● POLAND'S great World Cup winger Grzegorz Lato has packed his bags in Belgium and joined up with Mexican club side Atlante.

The former Lokeren star has signed a two-year contract with the club who are apparently also known as Social Securite!

● HAMID Zouba, who used to play in France and Switzerland with Nimes and Sion respectively, has taken over as national coach of Algeria who did so well in the World Cup Finals.

GIRESSE GOING WEST?

FRENCH midfield star Alain Giresse is looking to America to finish his career following an outstanding World Cup.

The mini-marvel, who outshone his skipper Michel Platini as France claimed fourth place in Spain, has always resisted offers that would take him away from his gentle country lifestyle at Bordeaux.

He says: "I've had plenty of offers, but the only one that has made me think is the idea of going to America one day."

"I would like to feel I had contributed to the growth and popularity of football in a country where it's still in its infancy."



● A major rumpus has broken out following the move of Chilean winger Patricio Yanez to Valladolid on the eve of the new season.

He was training with Barcelona until just a few hours before the registration deadline.

Then he made his swift and unexpected move leaving Barcelona furious and refusing to pay his hotel bills.

Still in Spain, champions Real Sociedad and cup holders Real Madrid are to meet in a special two-legged Super Cup challenge.

The first fixture takes place in San Sebastian this month with the return in Madrid on Christmas Day.

RONNIE GLAVIN Barnsley

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BARNESLEY 3, BURNLEY 0, League Division Two,
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SCOT Ronnie Glavin describes his second goal against Burnley as the 'icing on the cake'.

The Barnsley midfield star, out of action for six months with injury, couldn't have written a better comeback story.

After setting Norman Hunter's side on the way with a 26th minute goal, he produced a fitting climax with this brilliant effort 12 minutes from the end.

"I started the move in my own penalty area when I headed out a Burnley cross," he recalls.

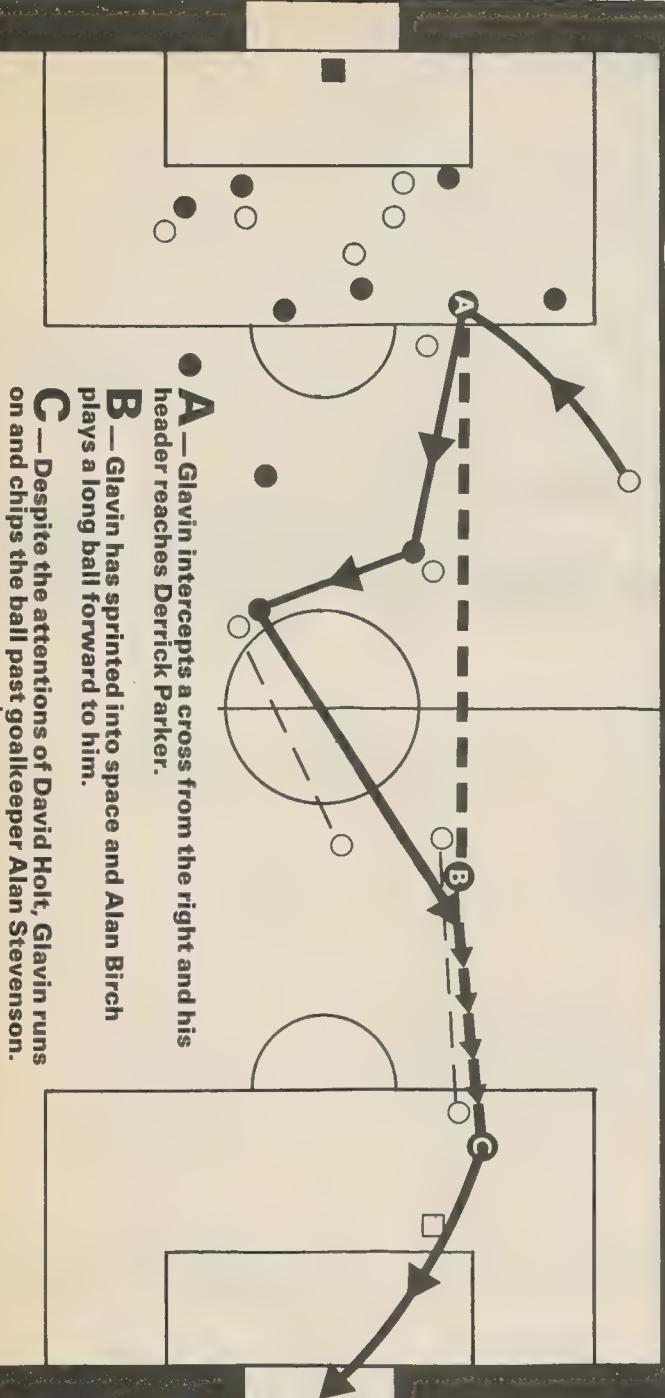
"It landed at the feet of Derrick Parker, and I continued my run as I could see that Burnley were scarce at the back.

"Derrick laid the ball off to Alan Birch who saw me run into space and he supplied the perfect pass for me to go on and chip goalkeeper Alan Stevenson.

"I enjoy all my goals, but that one gave me a lot of pleasure because it was the icing on the cake after such a long lay-off."



WELDEN



• A — Glavin intercepts a cross from the right and his header reaches Derrick Parker.

B — Glavin has sprinted into space and Alan Birch plays a long ball forward to him.

C — Despite the attentions of David Holt, Glavin runs on and chips the ball past goalkeeper Alan Stevenson.

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FLASHBACK to February 20 when Grimsby were joint bottom of Division Two with just 19 points from 21 games...

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So Mariners fans are hoping history can repeat itself for a homely club that looked set for Third Division football last season.

And it would certainly be an incredible feat for new manager Dave Booth, who inherited the tottering side midway through last term when George Kerr was sacked.

While most people have continually underlined the promotion potential of big clubs like Wolves, Leeds and Sheffield Wednesday, little Grimsby have slipped through on the rails to shake up the pack.

Two seasons ago, they were the talk of the Second Division with a mid-campaign burst that took them to the brink of the promotion zone, but they fell away in the last month to seventh place.

So can Grimsby maintain their impressive start to the season which saw them collect six wins and a draw in their first seven matches?

Skipper Joe Waters, their pocket-sized dynamo in midfield, says: "We intend to give it a real go this season, but to talk in terms of promotion at this stage is ridiculous."

"I know we have played well in the opening two months, but we have only completed a sixth of the season."

"Like the rest of the town, I was surprised to find us sitting on top of the division, but it was a nice feeling."

"I thought we would do quite well following encouraging pre-season performances, but I never expected us to be top of the table by the end of September."

"There is still a long, long way to go and there are a lot of other teams with strong promotion claims, teams like Leeds, Sheffield Wednesday, Wolves, QPR and Barnsley."

"But we are certainly bubbling over with confidence after taking 19 points from a possible 21."

"Let's face it, we must get a boost from that kind of start. It took us to the end of February last season to reach 19 points."

So what has brought about the sudden change in fortune for a side that went 18 matches without a win during the gloomy months of last season?

"The signings of midfield players Phil Bonnyman from Chesterfield and Mick Speight from Blackburn have made a big difference, and we have also changed our style of play," explains Joe, second top scorer after seven matches with five goals, four of them penalties.

"We're now playing with three men up front instead of two and, as a result, we are getting more chances and scoring more goals."

"We had a lot of injury problems last season which didn't help. I was out at the start following a cartilage operation and we also lost front men Kevin Drinkell and Bob Cumming for long spells."

"It may seem unreal having a team like Grimsby in the First Division, but if you finish in the top three then you deserve the chance."

"I think we'll start worrying about life in the First Division once we get there however. At the moment, that is just a dream."



Grimsby skipper Joe Waters — "It took us until the end of January last season to total this many points."

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TERRACE TALK

Edited by Michael Weavers

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Write to: Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

I AM disgusted with the chairmen of the top clubs and their call for a Super League, believing this will cure soccer's ailing financial situation.

Can't they see that playing less games will mean less revenue?

If that was not enough, they also expect the rest of the League to go part-time, presumably so the Liverpools and Tottenhams can profit from the decline of other clubs while they continue to squander millions of pounds on their over-paid staff, some of whom can't even make the first team.

Jonathon, Cobham, Surrey.

THERE is no doubt in my mind that Celtic will win the treble this season.

Why? Because they are awarded so many penalty kicks. Up to the middle of last month, Celtic had six penalties in only eight games.

There is no doubt that referees are influenced by Celtic's reputation and their massive support.

Being a St Mirren supporter, I was particularly annoyed when my team went down 2-1 to Celtic. Guess how the Glasgow giants scored both their goals? That's right, from the penalty spot. Charles Wighton, Paisley, Scotland.

• RUBBISH! Celtic win so many penalties because they spend most of the match camped in the opposition penalty area.

I WOULD like to get in touch with Martin Anderson of Sunderland, who regularly has his points of view published in 'Terrace Talk'. Donna Lindsey, 45 Oaklands Drive, Denton, Gateshead, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

AFTER reading an article on Frank Worthington, I thoroughly agree with one point that the Leeds striker so often stresses — that schoolboys are over-coached and play to please their trainers rather than for the fun of it.

Frank, a well-known crowd-puller, is a perfect example of skill and scoring ability. Schoolboys should adopt his attitude and toss the coaching manuals in the wastebin. Brian Gallagher, Swinford, Co. Mayo, Eire.



Frank Worthington — perfect example of skill and scoring ability says Brian Gallagher.

IF people want entertainment, they should take a visit to Villa Park.

In just two matches (against Luton and Forest), the fans saw 10 goals, 5 penalties and a sending off — which all testify to the commitment of the players.

'Match' rated both games excellent. Ask Cloughie, Pleat and Barton. I'm sure they think the fans got value for money.

And under-16s can watch for just £1. That's value.
Joan Ward, Bournville, Birmingham.

WHAT does new Ipswich boss Bobby Ferguson think he's doing?

Ipswich have finished in the First Division's top three for the past three seasons, yet now that Ferguson has taken over, they are struggling at the bottom of the table and have been thrashed 3-0 by Roma in the UEFA Cup.

Town must sack Ferguson, now.

David (8-year-old loyal Ipswich fan), Crediton, Devon.

• HOLD on, there! Wait until you can lace your own football boots before you try and get First Division managers the sack.

HOW can a poverty-stricken country like Colombia be allowed to stage the 1986 World Cup Finals?

And after reading reports of the violence at Colombian soccer games, I fear the worst.

According to these reports, one player was shot from the terraces as he was about to equalise. It was also claimed that troops fired into the crowd in another incident.

Simon Tamila, Dyfed, South Wales.

WHAT angers me is the prices some clubs charge to watch their inferior teams in action.

Take my home team side, Sunderland, for example. I am charged £2 to enter a wreck of a stadium and watch a team not fit to be in the Second Division, never mind the First.

Whereas if I travel to Liverpool, I can pay £1.50 to stand on the most famous piece of terracing in the whole world — The Kop — and experience some of the finest soccer in Europe. Now where is the logic in that?

Miss G Boxer, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

YOUR once-brilliant magazine should be renamed 'The Glenn Hoddle Weekly'.

Every week it's Glenn Hoddle this, Glenn Hoddle that.

You've even got him on the front cover of your new 'special' and a day with Glenn is part of the prize in Match Weekly's 'Mastermind of Soccer' quiz.

What is he, some kind of soccer star?

Ian Makepeace (15), Sittingbourne, Kent.

• SO, you like to make war, Makepeace. We at 'Match' don't grovel to Hoddle, but we do think he's, well, a bit special....

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Play your cards right

I'M an ardent Liverpool fan and it really disheartens me when I realise I cannot go to watch them because of the hooliganism associated with football.

The only consolation is that Liverpool appear regularly on TV.

It is about time the FA did something constructive to control the thugs. A possible solution would be to introduce a card system. Every football fan would be issued with a card carrying his or her name and address, the name of the club supported and a photograph of the holder, suitably stamped. Football fans would pay for the administration of the cards.

Any person not carrying a card would not be allowed into a game. And persons found guilty of hooliganism would have their cards confiscated.

If this system was put into operation perhaps the real fans of football, who under present conditions will not attend matches, would return to the game.

Any true soccer supporter would not mind paying for an identity card if it meant trouble-free football.

Sharon Ann Chambers (13), Cannock, Staffs.

• GOOD thinking, Sharon. It makes you wonder why such a scheme isn't already in operation.



Watford 'keeper Steve Sherwood — he's always under-marked in 'Match Facts' moans David Scally.

I WAS very impressed by Nottingham Forest on a recent visit to the City Ground.

I'm a Watford fan and was naturally disappointed when we lost at Forest 2-0. But the blow was softened, however, by the excellent facilities at Forest.

The new two-tier stand is comfortable, affords an excellent view and has wide four-channel stairs so the stand empties quickly.

The ground has an electronic scoreboard on which the teams are displayed before the start. The pitch looked in excellent condition and Forest were a very good team with Birtles and Walsh shining.

Most importantly, the Forest fans were very friendly. At the end of the game, where the only bright aspect from a Watford point of view was another superb goalkeeping display from Steve Sherwood (always under-marked in Match Facts), the Forest fans didn't jeer — they commiserated with me.

Good luck to Forest. They have a smashing ground, a super young team and deserve the full support of the Nottingham public.

David Scally, Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

BOBBY Robson, grilled recently on TV over the axeing of Kevin Keegan, looked so pale and drawn one would have thought he had committed murder instead of exercising his right as England boss to select what he considers is his best team.

Jim Cook, Brandon, Suffolk.

• SO? Dropping Keegan was a crime. Off with his head!

I WAS astonished when England manager Bobby Robson named Manchester United's Ray Wilkins as captain for the recent European Championship match in Denmark.

Wilkins shouldn't even be in the team! When he was a younger player, at Chelsea, Wilkins used to be full of ideas and adventurous play.

Since signing for United, he has become one of the dullest players in the game. He hardly ever plays a forward pass and gets bogged down in defensive situations.

And his scoring record, as a midfielder, must be one of the worst in the League.

Making Wilkins England skipper is a backward step for our national team.

Stuart Power (16), Glenfield, Leicester.

• CERTAINLY Wilkins is a more defensive player, but there's no-one better as England's midfield anchor man.

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MECHANICS

Just the facts in easy to follow motorcycle talk

SHEER guts, determination and non-stop running are just three of the qualities that have taken Des Bremner to the top of the footballing ladder.

But his successful four-match switch from midfielder to central-defender showed Aston Villa fans another of his skills... versatility.

It all came about when Allan Evans was injured during Villa's second match of the season at Everton.

MARATHON MAN!

And 30-year-old Des, who started his professional career as a right-back, remained at centre-half for Villa's next match against Southampton.

He says: "Manager Tony Barton had every confidence in me. He hoped that I would tighten up the defence because we had conceded eight goals in our first two matches."

Des certainly helped to do that. While Villa lost, it was only by a single goal.

But Des, a £275,000 buy from Hibernian three seasons ago, has no plans to revert to a defensive role on a permanent basis.

"I enjoy both roles but I prefer midfield because you are more involved in the game.

"In the back four, you have to be more disciplined and stay on your beat whereas in midfield you are free to rove around and perhaps have a few shots at goal.

"Anyway, it's not every player who can make the switch and I think I've still got a few years left as a midfielder.

"However, should there be a call for me to help out at the back for a few games once more, I will do

PLAY-ANYWHERE DES KEEPS ON RUNNING...



Des Bremner — "I think I've still got a few years left as a midfielder."

so with pleasure."

Des, renowned for his ninety-minute running, finds it difficult to explain where he gets all his energy from but says: "I think it's the will to win that keeps me going."

"Anyway, with so much competition for places at Villa, you can't afford to slack."

MARATHON MAN!

"There are quite a few experienced players in the reserves just waiting for people to lose form or suffer injury.

"They can step in and do every bit as good a job as the players they replace.

"Take Andy Blair for instance. He's shown that he's a very capable deputy for any of the three regular midfield players.

"Then there's Mark Jones and Pat Heard. Mark is a great prospect. The young lad has only just come into the team at right-back but you would think he'd been playing there all his life.

"Pat Heard joined us from Everton when John Gidman went to Goodison. He came to Villa with vast experience and he's a good, strong player.

"With so much talent around, there is every reason for optimism at Villa Park this season."

Villa's fortunes have certainly brightened up following an awful start to the new season.

But Des feels the early criticism was totally unjust and perhaps a little hasty.

"I'll admit we had a disastrous start but you can't judge a side on two or three bad games.

"Look how things have changed now. We've picked up a few good results and there's a great atmosphere at the club again."

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KEVIN KEEGAN

IF the Manchester City players start believing in themselves, we have the potential to mount a serious challenge for honours this season.

Apart from the first half at Norwich on the opening day of the season, I don't feel we have played to our full capabilities.

Yet, after eight matches, we were still hanging in there in sixth place, just two points behind the joint leaders.

We have some tremendous players at the club and it's a sheer delight to train with them and witness their skills, but on the pitch they haven't expressed themselves in the manner they are capable of.

If we could only string together two or three impressive results, then perhaps some of this apprehension will disappear and we can produce the kind of entertainment our loyal fans richly deserve.

After being out for three games with an ankle injury, I could sense the apprehension in the dressing room prior to my comeback in the home clash with Coventry.

The players had been in the doldrums for a couple of weeks following successive defeats at the hands of Aston Villa and then West Ham, where we received something of a hiding.

And for the first 25 minutes, we operated as if we had never played together before.

But once Graham Baker equalised just before half-time following neat work by 16-year-old debutant Paul Simpson, we began to put our game together.

In the end, we ran out 3-2 winners, playing as well in the second half as we had played badly in those opening exchanges.

And it was nice to score against my old club after being on the sidelines for nearly a month.

It was a crucial goal because it put us 3-1 up with twenty minutes left and gave us a little breathing space.

Injuries have denied us the chance to adopt a settled side and pattern so far this season.

Apart from the long-standing shoulder injury to England goalkeeper Joe Corrigan, we were also without full-back Bobby McDonald against Coventry.

But it was pleasing to see former England winger Dennis Tueart making his first full appearance since last December, when he seriously damaged a knee.

And it was gratifying after the game to see that, despite that recent lean spell, we were still within striking distance of the leaders.

However, we still received some criticism in the Press, who maintained that our victory had only papered over the 'problems' at Maine Road.

But for a team with so-called problems, we aren't doing that badly, are we?

While I enjoyed my comeback against Coventry, I was bitterly disappointed to miss my return to West Ham.

I had a fitness test on the day before the match in the hope of making the trip, but I couldn't kick a ball and I had to give the thumbs-down to manager John Bond.

In the circumstances, with two of our players sent off in the 4-1 defeat, I'm glad I didn't make the trip with the team. I left West Ham in the summer with a lot of happy memories and I wouldn't have wanted them soured.

The lads came back and said that West Ham looked a class side and that cheered me up no end.

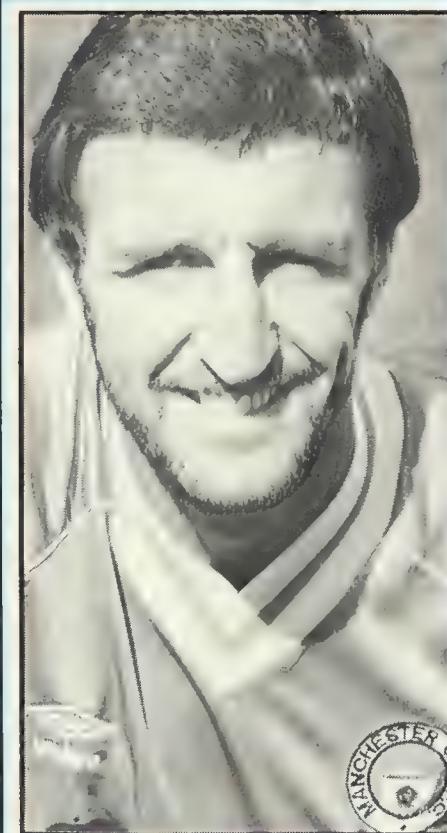
West Ham have always epitomised what is good about football, and it's satisfying to see their approach being rewarded with a place in the top bracket.

Now I'm looking forward to my first Manchester derby at Old Trafford on Saturday week.

It's a match that produces so much passion and rivalry among the fans.

I have played at Old Trafford in front of a big

HAVE FAITH, CITY! ... AND WE CAN CHALLENGE FOR HONOURS



THE DAVID CROSS COLUMN

The Manchester City striker welcomes you into his football world. Don't miss his column every fortnight — it's only in 'Match'.

crowd so the atmosphere will be nothing strange to me.

From the players' point of view, it's just another match but one has to accept that the supporters see it in a far different light.

They build up the occasion because the outcome means so much to them in this soccer-mad city.

The City fans deserve a successful team. We had 25,000 there for the Coventry game, which after two successive defeats, was a tremendous turn-out.

Before the Manchester derby, we face Sunderland at Maine Road, and we can be sure of a battle against them.

They removed that 8-0 drubbing at Watford from their system a week later by crushing Norwich 4-1, and they have become renowned battlers over the past two seasons when they have managed to fight off relegation fears almost at the death.

As I mentioned in a recent column, the Watford success story is no surprise to me.

They have a very honest and refreshing attitude towards the game and it's tremendous to see a little horsey club like Watford enjoying so much attention.

But at the end of the day, Liverpool are always the team to beat and have been the yardstick for nearly every club over the past ten years.

In fact, despite ten years in the First and Second Divisions, I have yet to finish on a winning side against Liverpool.

All talk recently has been of the possible formation of a Super League but the debate hasn't fully convinced me that the idea will answer football's problems.

I can envisage the top clubs getting richer and the other clubs getting poorer so, on that basis, I don't know whether it's a practical idea.

The other problem is to decide what teams should be elevated to 'Super League' status.

Do you choose teams with currently the best crowds, those with the best potential or those who are reasonably successful without the crowds?

For instance, Watford are setting the First Division alight, but would they be precluded from a Super League?

Or if it's decided on potential, then you have to look at teams like Newcastle, Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday, who are by no means major forces in football at the moment.

The effects of a Super League would probably accelerate the introduction of part-time football in the lower divisions, but overall I'm not sure whether the whole game needs re-structuring to that extent.

● David Cross was taking to Melvyn Beck.

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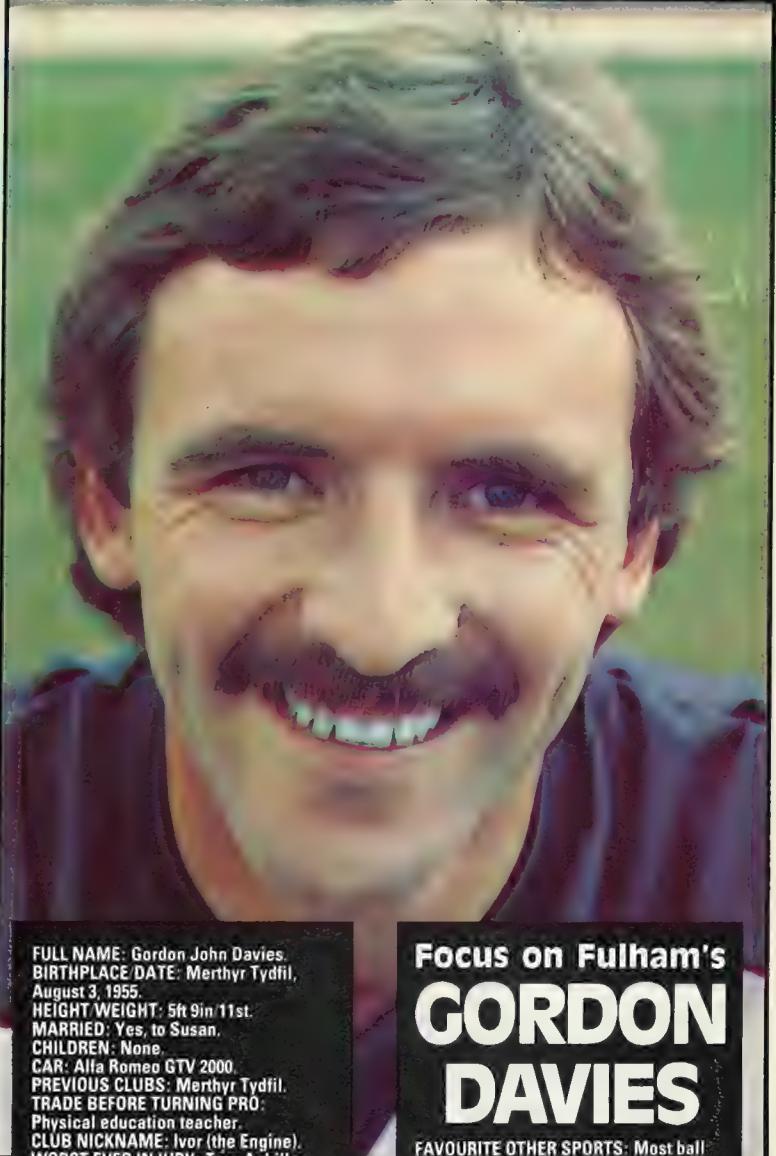
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PREVIOUS CLUBS: Merthyr Tydfil.
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(Holland), Best (N. Ireland).

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FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT
WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:

International Stadium, Izmir, Turkey.
BEST GOAL SCORED: A twenty yard left
foot volley for Fulham against
Blackpool on my debut in 1977-78.

BEST GOAL SCORED: Eddie
Gray's goal for Leeds when he virtually
dribbled round the whole Burnley team.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:

Brentford's Denis Salman.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: A 4-3 win
over Birmingham in August 1979 when I
scored a second half hat-trick after we
were 0-3 down at half-time.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:
Gaining promotion from the Third
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FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Most ball
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MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking,

flash people and hangers-on.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Gene
Wilder and Joanna Lumley.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR:

Airplane.

BEST FRIEND: I have many of them.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Alan
Mullery, Bobby Campbell and Malcolm
Macdonald.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT

FOOTBALL: Losing, injuries, over the top
tackles and bad referees.

SUPERSTITIONS: I take my St
Christopher off just before we go out.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Tea, toast and
chocolate.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Three full
caps for Wales.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To keep my
family happy and to enjoy life.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To regain
my place in the Welsh team and be as
successful as possible.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: At the
moment I don't know but if I can stay in
the game in some capacity, then I will.

PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Fulham's

Dean Coney.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO
MEET: Princess Diana and Joanna
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STAR CHALLENGE

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

the actual result.
Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

Match	Reader's forecast	Star's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Arsenal v West Brom	2-1	1-0		
Aston Villa v Watford	1-1	2-2		
Coventry v Notts Co.	1-0	2-0		
Liverpool v Man. Utd	2-1	2-0		
Luton v Ipswich	2-0	3-2		
Man. City v Sunderland	2-1	2-1		
Nott'm F. v Birmingham	2-0	1-0		
Southampton v West Ham	0-1	1-3		
Stoke v Brighton	2-1	0-0		
Swansea v Everton	1-2	2-0		

STEVE PERRYMAN IS THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST

SPURS skipper Steve Perryman certainly knows the score when it comes to playing the predictions game ... or rather, he doesn't!

The Tottenham players enjoy their own version of 'Star Challenge' every Saturday.

And Steve admits he could do better. "Our rules are just the same as they are in 'Match Weekly' and everyone connected with the team on match days has a go."

"We even have a special book for the job where all the predictions are written down. "The trouble is I never win."



Spurs' Steve Perryman (right) is challenged by 'Match' reader Nicola Parlour (above).

Everyone else does okay — even the coach driver — but not me."

Maybe this will be Steve's lucky week because he's our star guest and you can see his predictions for Saturday in the special panel above.

Big fan

Alongside them are those of his challenger — 14-year-old 'Match' reader Nicola Parlour of Letchworth, Herts, who is a big fan of both Spurs and Steve.

As you can see, they are both tipping Liverpool to win the



FIXTURES

Saturday, Oct. 16
DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v W. Brom.
Aston Villa v Watford.
Coventry v Notts Co.
Liverpool v Man. U.
Luton v Ipswich.
Man. C. v Sunderland.
Norwich v Spurs.
Nott'm F. v Birmingham.
Southampton v W. Ham.
Stoke v Brighton.
Swansea v Everton.

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn v Chelsea.
Cambridge v Sheff. W.
Charlton v Burnley.
C. Palace v Oldham.
Grimsby v Derby.
Leeds v Carlisle.
Middlesbro v Bolton.
Newcastle v Fulham.
Q.P.R. v Shrewsbury.
Rotherham v Barnsley.
Wolves v Leicester.

DIVISION THREE

Bristol R. v Wigan.
Cardiff v Gillingham.
Chesterfield v Bradford.
Doncaster v Brentford.
Exeter v Millwall.
Orient v Newport.
Oxford v Newport.
Orient v Walsall.
Plymouth v Lincoln.
Portsmouth v Bournemouth.
Preston v Huddersfield.
Sheff. U. v Wrexham.

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Stockport.
Bury v Swindon.
Chester v Mansfield.
Hartlepool v Bristol C.
Hereford v Crewe.
Rochdale v Blackpool.
Torquay v Northampton.
Tranmere v Peterborough.
York v Wimbledon.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Aberdeen v Dundee.
Celtic v Kilmarnock.
Dundee Utd. v Morton.
Hibs v Motherwell.
St. Mirren v Rangers.

FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie v Clyde.
Alloa v Partick.
Ayr v St Johnstone.
Clydebank v Dunfermline.
Hamilton v Hearts.
Queens Park v Falkirk.
Raith v Dumbarton.

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath v Montrose.
Brechin v Forfar.
Cowdenbeath v Q. o' S.
East Stirling v Berwick.
Meadowbank v Albion.
Stenhousemuir v Stranraer.
Stirling v E. Fife.

MONDAY, OCT. 18

DIVISION FOUR

Mansfield v Scunthorpe.
Port Vale v Hartlepool.
Tranmere v Darlington.

TUESDAY, OCT. 19

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Derby.

DIVISION THREE

Bristol R. v Millwall.
Cardiff v Bradford.
Doncaster v Wrexham.
Gillingham v Orient.
Huddersfield v Southend.
Plymouth v Bournemouth.
Preston v Newport.
Sheff. U. v Reading.
Walsall v Chesterfield.
Wigan v Portsmouth.

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Crewe.
Bury v Stockport.
Halifax v Bristol C.
Northampton v Colchester.
Wimbledon v Rochdale.
York v Blackpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20

DIVISION TWO

Leeds v Burnley.

DIVISION THREE

Lincoln v Exeter.
Oxford v Brentford.

DIVISION FOUR

Chester v Peterborough.
Hereford v Hull.

Torquay v Swindon.

FRIDAY, OCT. 22

DIVISION FOUR

Colchester v Chester.
Crewe v Port Vale.
Stockport v York.

name, age and address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and, most importantly, your home telephone number.

And don't forget to state your favourite team and favourite players.

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● BAD luck to 'Match' reader Susan Trick of Crawley, Sussex, who was beaten six points to five by Manchester City's Asa Hartford on Saturday, October 2.

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Monday, Oct. 4

Milk Cup

Second Round, First Leg

BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Newman 79)

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (2) 2 (Taylor 4, 71)

Att: 4,486

Bristol City: Shaw 7, **NEWMAN 8**, Williams 5, Nicholls 7, Boyle 5, Riley 5, Bray 6, Economou 6, Chandler 6, Thompson 7, Crawford 6.

Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Sterland 7, Bailey 7, Smith 7, Lyons 6, Shelton 6, Megson 5 (sub. Pickering 6), **TAYLOR 8**, Bannister 6, Owen 7, Simmons 7.

Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)

Match Rating: ★★★

Tuesday, Oct. 5

Milk Cup

Second Round, First Leg

ARSENAL (0) 2 (Hollins 67, Davis 84)

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Gibbins 76)

Att: 15,115

Arsenal: Wood 6, Hollins 7, Sansom 6, Talbot 5, O'Leary 6, Whyte 6, **DAVIS 8**, Robson 5, Sunderland 6, Woodcock 6, Rix 6.

Cardiff: Thomas 6, Jones 6, Bodin 6, **MICALLEF 7**, Dwyer 6, Mullen 6, Bennett 6, Tong 6, Gibbons 6, Hemmerman 6, Lewis 6.

Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)

Match Rating: ★★★

BOLTON (1) 1 (Hoggan 32)

WATFORD (1) 2 (Armstrong 40, Jenkins 71)

Att: 5,664

Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 6, Deakin 6, McGovern 7, Jones 6, McElhinney 6, Chandler 8, **HENRY 9**, Rudge 7, Reid 7 (sub. Moores 6), Hoggan 7.

Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice (sub. Armstrong 7), Rostron 6, Taylor 7, Terry 7, Bolton 7, Callaghan 6, Blissett 7, **JENKINS 9**, Jackett 8, Barnes 8.

Referee: M. J. Heath (Stoke)

Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Parkin 79)

SWANSEA (0) 0

Att: 9,279

Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Slatter 7, Williams, B 5, **WILLIAMS, G 8**, Parkin 7, McCaffery 6, Holloway 7, Williams, D 6, Kelly 6, Randall 6, Barrett 7 (sub. Stephens).

Swansea: Davies 6, Marustik 5, Lewis 6, Charles 6, **KENNEDY 7**, Mahoney 5, Curtis 6, James, R 5, Loveridge 5, Thompson 6, Latchford 5.

Referee: M. James (Horsham)

Match Rating: ★★★

BRENTFORD (2) 3 (Joseph 19, Hurlock 39, Bowles, pen 60)

BLACKBURN (2) 2 (Fazackerley 26, Stonehouse 27)

Att: 6,201

Brentford: Roche 7, Rowe 7, Wilkins 6, McNichol 6, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 8, Kamara 8, Joseph 8, Mahoney 7, Bowles 8, **ROBERTS 9**.

Blackburn: Genoe 6, **BRANAGAN 7**, Rathbone 6, Randell 5 (sub. Miller), Mail 6, Fazackerley 6, Hamilton 4, Stonehouse 6, Bell 6, Garner 6, Brotherton 6.

Referee: I. J. Borrott (Suffolk)

Match Rating: ★★★★

BURNLEY (1) 3 (Hamilton 34, Phelan 54, Young 61)

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Otto 41, Cochrane 48)

Att: 3,926

Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 6, Wharton 6, Scott 6, Phelan 7, Holt 7, Dobson 6, Steven 6 (sub. Cassidy 6), Hamilton 6, Taylor 7, **YOUNG 8**.

Middlesbrough: Platt 5, Brownlie 6, Bolton 6, Mowbray 5, Baxter 6, Wood 6, Cochrane 7, Otto 7 (sub. Nattrass 6), Hankin 6, **KENNEDY 8**, Bell 7.

Referee: F. Roberts (Clywd)

Match Rating: ★★★

FULHAM (2) 2 (Gale 39, Brown 42)

COVENTRY (2) 2 (Melo 7, 32)

Att: 6,237

Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Lock 6, **O'DRISCOLL 8**, Brown 6, Gale 7, Davies 6, Wilson 7, Coney 6, Houghton 6, Lewington 7.

Referee: F. Roberts (Clywd)

Match Rating: ★★★

Cut out and keep

PLAYER RATINGS

10	Out of this world
9	Outstanding
8	Excellent
7	Good
6	Adequate
5	Off form
4	Poor

MATCH RATINGS

★★★★★	A classic
★★★★	Good value
★★★	Satisfactory
★★	Dull
★	A waste of money

Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 6, Hormantshock 6, Butterworth 6, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, **WHITTON 8**, Jacobs 6, Melrose 7, Thompson 7, Hunt 6.

Referee: M. J. Bodenham (Brighton)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 2 (Shaw 65, Cascarino 69)

OLDHAM (0) 0

Att: 4,070

Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Adams 7, Bruce 7, Shaw 7, Sitton 7 (sub. Price), Powell 6, **JOHNSON 8**, Cascarino 7, Grecock 7.

Referee: R. Lewis (Gt. Bookham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Russell 20, Stanton 84)

OXFORD (0) 0

Att: 4,362

Huddersfield: Cox 7, Brown 7, Burke 7, Stanton 7, Sutton 6, Hanvey 6, Lillis 6, Doyle 6, Russell 7, Wilson 7, **COWLING 8**.

Oxford: Burton 6, Linney 7, Fogg 7, Train 7 (sub. Thomas), Briggs 7, Shotton 6, Brock 6, Jones 7, Vinter 6, **FOLEY 8**, Hebbert 7.

Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)

Match Rating: ★★★★

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Wark 67)

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Rush 18, 64)

Att: 19,329

Ipswich: Sivell 6, Burley 6, Geron 7, **MILLS 8**, Osman 7, Butcher 5, Wark 7, McCall 7, D'Avray 6, Brazil 6, O'Callaghan 6.

Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 7, Kennedy 8, Thompson 8, Whelan 7, Hansen 7, Dalglish 7, Lee 7, Rush 8, Lawrenson 7, **SOUNESS 9**.

Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)

Match Rating: ★★★★

LUTON (2) 3 (Stein, pen 23, Fuccillo 44, 85)

CHARLTON (0) 0

Att: 7,030

Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Money 7, Horton 8, Goodyear 8, Donaghy 8, Hill 8, Stein 6, Walsh 7, **FUCCILLO 9**, Moss 7.

Charlton: **JOHNS 9**, Curtis 7, Lansdowne 8, Mehmet 8, Elliott 8, Berry 8, Harris 6, Bullivant 7, White 6, Hales 6 (sub. Gritt), Walker 6.

Referee: A. Robinson (Waterloo)

Match Rating: ★★★★

NEWPORT (0) 0

EVERTON (1) 2 (McMahon 30, King 70)

Att: 8,293

Newport: Kendall 6, Jones 6, Relish 6, Bailey 7 (sub. Gwyther 6), Oakes 7, Davies 7, Elsey 6, Aldridge 6, Tynan 7, **VAUGHAN 8**, Moore 6.

Everton: Southall 6, Borrows 6, Bailey 7, Ratcliffe 7, Wright 7, **McMAHON 9**, Heath 8 (sub. Richardson), Johnson 7, Sharp 6, King 7, Sheedy 7.

Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ★★★

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Massey 6)

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Bamber 60)

Att: 2,490

Northampton: Freeman 8, Saxby 6, Phillips 7, Gage 5, Burrows 8, Coffill 5 (sub. Perrin 6), Buchanan 6, Saunders 5, Denyer 6, Massey 7, **HEELEY 9**.

Blackpool: Hesford 6, **SIMMONITE 8**, Brockbank 6, Jeffrey 6, Greenall 5, Hart 6, Hockaday 6, Stewart 7, Bamber 7, Pasley 7, Downes 6.

Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)

Match Rating: ★★★

ROCHDALE (0) 0

BRADFORD (1) 1 (Gallagher 41)

Att: 2,196

Rochdale: Pearce 7, Keegan 7, Snookes 6, **FARRELL 8**, Garner 7, Williams 7, Thompson 7, Hamilton 6, Hilditch 6, Wellings 7, Comstrie 7.

Bradford: McManus 7, Podd 7, Chapman 6, Lester 7, Cooke 6, McFarland 7, Gray 7, Gallagher 7, Campbell 8, **ELLIS 9**, Mellor 7.

Referee: A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton)

Match Rating: ★★★

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Green 41, Seaman 79)

QPR (0) 1 (Gregory 77)

Att: 5,603

Rotherham: **MOUNTFORD 8**, Forrest 7, Breckin 6, McEwan 6, Hughes 6, Green 7, Towner 5, Gow 7, Moore 7, Seaman 7, McBride 7.

QPR: Hucker 6, Neill 6, Dawes 6, Waddock 7, Hazell 7, Fenwick 6, Mickelwhite 7, Allen 7, Sealy 7, Stainrod 6, **GREGORY 8**.

Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Round 19)

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Handysides 13)

Att: 5,003

Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, Williams 7, Johnson 6, **CROSS 8**, Pearson 7, Leonard 6, Petts 6, McLaren 7, Turner 7, Stevens 7 (sub. Sankey 6), Bates 6.

Birmingham: Blyth 7, Langan 6, Van den Hauwe 6, Stevenson 6, Blake 7, Broadhurst 6, Summerfield 6 (sub. Carruthers 6), Dillon 6, Brazier 6, Curbisley 6, **HANDYSIDES 8**.

Referee: A. Robinson (Manchester)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WIGAN (0) 1 (Caton, og 79)

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Tuart 64)

Att: 12,194

Wigan: Tunks 7, McMahon 6, Weston 6, O'Keefe 7, Lloyd 7, Methven 7, Glenn 6, Cribley 6, Bradd 7, Houghton 6, **GEMMILL 8**.

Man City: Williams 7, Ranson 6, Power 6, Baker 6, Bond 6, Caton 6, **TUARET 8**, Reeves 6, Cross 6, Hartford 7, Boyer 6.

Referee: N. G. Peck (Kendal)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WOLVES (1) 1 (Eves 41)

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Rowell, pen 8)

Att: 13,662

Wolves: Burridge 7, Humphrey 7, Palmer 6, Smith 7, Pender 7, Coy 6, Daniel 6, Clarke 6, Livingston 7 (sub. Butler), Eves 7, **MATTHEWS 8**.

Sunderland: **TURNER 8**, Nicholl 7, Munro 7, Atkins 7, Hindmarsh 7, Elliott 6, Buckley 6 (sub. Chisholm), Rowell 7, McCoist 7, Pickering 7, Cooke 7.

Referee: J. A. Moules (Ongar)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SCOTTISH First Division

PARTICK (1) 2 (Johnston 15, McDowell 83)

CLYDE (0) 1 (Masterton 73)

Att: 985

Partick: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Money 7, Horton 8, Goodyear 8, Donaghy 8, Hill 8, Stein 6, Walsh 7, **FUCCILLO 9**, Moss 7.

Clyde: **JOHNS 9**, Curtis 7, Lansdowne 8, Mehmet 8, Elliott 8, Berry 8, Harris 6, Bullivant 7, White 6, Hales 6 (sub. Gritt), Walker 6.

Referee: A. Robinson (Waterloo)

Match Rating: ★★★★

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Withe 22)

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 2 (Chiedozie 74, Clarke 86)

Att: 16,312

Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Jones 7 (sub. Heard), Williams 5, Ormsby 5, McNaught 6, Mortimer 7, **BREMNER 8**, Shaw 5, With 7, Cowans 6, Morley 5.

Notts County: Chiedozie 74, Clarke 86.

Referee: D. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)

Match Rating: ★★★

Notts County: Avramovic 6, Benjamin 7, Worthington 6, Hunt 7, Kilcline 7, Richards 7, **CHIEDOZIE 8**, Harkouk 6 (sub. Clarke 7), Christie 6, McCulloch 7, Mair 6.

Referee: M. Glover (Chorley)

Match Rating: ★★★

CHELSEA (3) 3 (Speedie 6, 40, Fillery, pen 15)

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Brown 45)

Att: 7,982

Chelsea: Francis 7, Lee 6 (sub. Driver 5), Hutchings 6, Chivers 6, Droy 7, Andrew 7, Canoville 5, Burnside 7, Walker 5,

SPEEDIE 8, Fillery 5.

Transmere: Endersby 5, Burgess 5, Aspinall 5, Mathias 6, Hamilton 7, Williams 6, Powell 6 (sub. McGuire), Ferguson 6, Kerr 7,

BROWN 8, Griffiths 7.

Referee: K. Barratt (Coventry)

Match Rating: ★★★

COLCHESTER (0) 0

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

Att: 7,967

Colchester: Walker 7, **COOK 8**, Coleman 6, Adcock 7, Wigfall 6, Beattie 7 (sub. Bremner), Allinson 6, Osborne 7, Lyons 7,

McDonough 6, Leslie 7

Southampton: **SHILTON 9**, Baker 6, Rose 7, Williams 7, Nicholl 6, Agboola 7, Ball 8, Cassells 6, Wallace 7, Armstrong 7,

Lawrence 7.

Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)

Match Rating: ★★★

DERBY (1) 2 (Watson, og 27, Swindlehurst 56)

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0

Att: 7,656

Derby:

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NOTTINGHAM FOREST (3) 6 (Wallace 15, 50, Robertson, pen 22, pen 90, Hodge 38, Birtles 77)

WEST BROM (1) 1 (Regis 4)

Att: 11,969

Nott'm Forest: Van Breukelen 8, Anderson 8, Gunn 8, Proctor 8, Fairclough 8, Todd 8, Hodge 8, Wallace 8, Birtles 8, Walsh 8, ★ROBERTSON 9.

West Brom: Grew 7, Batson 7, Whitehead 7, Zondervan 7, Bennett 7, Robertson 7, Jol 7, Brown 7, Regis 7, ★OWEN 8, Eastoe 7.

Referee: R. Banks (Manchester)

Match Rating: ★★★★

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Edwards 31, 78)

Att: 3,798

Peterborough: Seaman 6, Quow 6 (sub. Winters 5), Collins 5, Lynn 7, Firm 6, ★RODAWAY 8, Slack 6, Linton 6, Cooke 6, Benjamin 7, Chard 5.

Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Hinshelwood 6, Williams 7, Murphy 6, Cannon 6, Gilbert 7, Giles 6, Lovell 6, Edwards 7, Mabbatt 6, ★HILAIRE 8.

Referee: C. Newsome (Shropshire)

Match Rating: ★★★★

STOKE (0) 1 (Thomas 70)

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Stewart, pen 83)

Att: 18,079

Stoke: Fox 7, Parkin 6, Hampton 6, Bracewell 7, Watson 6, Berry 6, Maguire 7, McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 6, ★THOMAS 8, Chamberlain 6 (sub. Griffiths 7).

West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 6, Lampard 6, Orr 6, Martin 7, ★DEVONSHIRE 8, Neighbour 6, Goddard 7, Clark 7, Allen 6, Pike 7.

Referee: H. King (Merthyr Tydfil)

Match Rating: ★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Brooke, pen 90)

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Clemence, og 38)

Att: 20,416

Spurs: Clemence 6, Hughton 7, ★LACY 8, Price 6, Brooke 7, O'Reilly 6, Mabbatt 5, Archibald 5, Hazard 5, Villa 6, Crooks 6 (sub. Falco 6).

Brighton: Moseley 7, Stevens 6, Shanks 6, ★GREALISH 8, Foster 7, Gatting 7, Case 7, Ritchie 7, Robinson 6, McNab 7, Smith 6.

Referee: K. W. Baker (Rugby)

Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH League Cup Quarter Finals Second Leg

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Sturrock, pen 72)

ABERDEEN (0) 0

Att: 11,733

Dundee United win 4-1 on aggregate

RANGERS (3) 6 (MacDonald 15, 85, Johnstone 17, 82, McPherson 34, Bett, pen 67)

KILMARNOCK (0) 0

Att: 6,000

Rangers win 12-1 on aggregate

First Division

HEARTS (0) 1 (O'Connor 66)

DMBARTON (0) 1 (Donnelly 73)

Att: 4,300

Friday, Oct. 8

Division Four

CREWE (1) 1 (Waller 31)

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (French 48)

Att: 1,806

Crewe: Smith 7, Moore 6, Bowers 6,

★SALATHIEL 8, Scott 6, Purdie 6 (sub. Goodwin), Haslegrave 6, Palios 6, Waller 7, Evans 6, Craven 5.

Rochdale: ★PEARCE 8, Keenan 7, Snookes 6, Farrell 7, Garner 6, Williams 6, Thompson 6, Hamilton 6, French 7, Wellings 6, Hilditch 6

Referee: G. J. Naphine (Loughborough)

Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Phillips 73)

HARTEPOOL (1) 1 (Johnson 17)

Att: 1,823

Stockport: Lloyd 6, Smith 7, Rutter 7, Emerson 6, Bowles 6, Thorpe 7, Williams 6, ★PHILLIPS 8, Power 6, Park 7, Coyle 7.

Hartlepool: ★WATSON 8, Brown 7, Stimpson 6, Hogan 7, Bird 6, Linighan 7, Bainbridge 6, Staff 6, Linacre 7, Lawrence 7 (sub. Dobson), Johnson 7.

Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)

Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Oct. 9

Division One

BIRMINGHAM (0) 2 (Langan, pen 66, Brazier 85)

LUTON (0) 3 (Stein 59, Walsh 61, Moss 80)

Att: 13,772

Birmingham: Blyth 5, Langan 7, Van den Hauw 6, Stevenson 6, Blake 7, Broadhurst 6, Bremner 6, Dillon 7, Brazier 6, ★CURBISHLEY 8, Handysides 6.

Luton: ★FINDLAY 8, Stephens 6, Money 6, Horton 6, Goodey 6, Donaghy 6, Hill 6, Stein 7, Walsh 7, Fuccillo 6, Moss 7.

Referee: D. Scott (Brentley)

Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Foster 1)

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Lewis 70)

Att: 11,050

Brighton: Moseley 6, Stevens 7, Shanks 7, Greatish 7 (sub. Smillie 7), ★FOSTER 8, Gatting 7, Case 6, Ritchie 7, Robinson 7, McNab 7, Smith 7.

Swansea: Davies 6, Lewis 6, Hadzibabic 7, Charles 6, ★KENNEDY 8, Stevenson 6, Curtis 7, James 6, R. James 6, L. James 6, Thompson 6, Mahoney 6 (sub. Gale 6).

Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)

Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (1) 2 (King 24, McMahon 47)

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (Cross 25)

Att: 25,158

Everton: Southall 6, Borrows 7, Bailey 7, Higgins 6, Wright 7, ★McMAHON 8, Heath 7, Johnson 6, Sharp 7, King 7, Sheedy 7.

Man City: ★WILLIAMS 8, Ranson 5, Power 6, Baker 5, Reid 5, Caton 5, Tuart 5, Reeves 5, Cross 6, Hareide 5, Jones 5 (sub. Simpson).

Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)

Match Rating: ★★

TOTTENHAM (1) 4 (Crooks 13, Brooke 49, 50, pen 54)

COVENTRY (0) 0

Att: 25,188

Spurs: Parks 6, Hughton 7, Lacy 7, Miller 6, ★BROOKE 8, O'Reilly 7, Mabbatt 6, Archibald 6 (sub. Falco 6), Hazard 7, Villa 7, Crooks 7.

Coventry: ★SEALEY 8, Thomas 7, Roberts 7, Butterworth 6, Dyson 7, Gillespie 5, Whittom 5, Jacobs 5, Melrose 6, Thompson 5, Hunt 6.

Referee: M. Taylor (Kent)

Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (2) 2 (Jackett 19, Terry 42)

NORWICH (1) 2 (Deehan 12, Bertschin 61)

Att: 18,597

Watford: Sherwood 6, Patching 6, Rostron 7, Taylor 5 (sub. Armstrong 6), Terry 6, Bolton 7, Callaghan 6, ★BLISSETT 8, Jenkins 6, Jackett 7, Barnes 6.

Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)

Match Rating: ★★★★

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Taylor 60, Hamilton 87)

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Hinshelwood 27)

Att: 6,429

Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 8, Wharton 7, Scott 6, Phelan 8, Holt 6, ★DOBSON 9, Cavener 6, Hamilton 7, Taylor 7, Young 7.

Crystal Palace: ★BARRON 9, Hinshelwood 7, Williams 6, Murphy 6 (sub. Nebbeling 6), Cannon 8, Gilbert 7, Giles 7, Lovell 7, Langley 6, Mabbatt 6, Hilaire 6.

Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)

Match Rating: ★★★★

IPSWICH (0) 0

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Woodcock 59)

Att: 20,792

Ipswich: Sivell 6, Burley 6, Geron 7 (sub. Putney), Mills 7, ★OSMAN 8, Butcher 7, Wark 7, McCall 6, Mariner 7, Brazil 6, O'Callaghan 7.

Arsenal: Wood 7, Hollins 6 (sub. Hawley 5), Sansom 7, Talbot 6, O'Leary 7, ★WHYTE 8, Davis 7, Sunderland 6, Robson 6, Woodcock 7, Rix 6.

Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)

Match Rating: ★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Robson 79)

STOKE (0) 0

Att: 43,132

Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 6, Albiston 6, Wilkins 7, Moran 7, McQueen 7, ★ROBSON 8, Grimes 7, Stapleton 6, Whiteside 6, Moses 6.

Stoke: ★HARRISON 8, Parkin 6, Hampton 6 (sub. Griffiths), Bracewell 6, Watson 7, Berry 6, Maguire 6, McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 6, Thomas 7, Chamberlain 6.

Referee: R. Bridges (Deside)

Match Rating: ★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (2) 4 (Mortimer, og 14,

Christie 22, Main 49, McCulloch 69)

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Shaw 58)

Att: 8,990

Notts County: Avramovic 6, Benjamin 7, Worthington 7, Hunt 7 (sub. Goodwin), Kilcline 7, Richards 8, Chiedozie 8, Christie 7, ★McCULLOCH 9, Clarke 8, Mair 8.

Aston Villa: ★RIMMER 8, Jones 5, Williams 5 (sub. Morley 7), Evans 6, Brember 6, Mortimer 7, Hopkins 6, Shaw 7, Withe 6, Cowans 6, Heard 6.

Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: Withe (Aston Villa)

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (McCoist 61)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Williams 74)

Att: 15,635

Sunderland: Turner 6, Nicholl 6, Munro 6, Atkins 7, Hindmarsh 6, Elliott 7, Buckley 7, Rowell 6, ★McCOIST 8, Pickering 7, Cooke 6.

Southampton: ★SHILTON 8, Rose 6, Holmes 6, Williams 6, Nicholl 7, Agboola 6, Ball 6, Moran 7, Fashanu 7, Armstrong 7, Lawrence 6 (sub. Wallace 6).

Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)

Match Rating: ★★★

TOTTENHAM (1) 4 (Crooks 13, Brooke 49, 50, pen 54)

COVENTRY (0) 0

Att: 25,188

Spurs: Parks 6, Hughton 7, Lacy 7, Miller 6, ★BROOKE 8, O'Reilly 7, Mabbatt 6, Archibald 6 (sub. Falco 6), Hazard 7, Villa 7, Crooks 7.

Referee: M. Taylor (Kent)

Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (2) 2 (Jackett 19, Terry 42)

NORWICH (1) 2 (Deehan 12, Bertschin 61)

Att: 18,597

Watford: Sherwood 6, Patching 6, Rostron 7, Taylor 5 (sub. Armstrong 6), Terry 6, Bolton 7, Callaghan 6, ★BLISSETT 8, Jenkins 6, Jackett 7, Barnes 6.

Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Norwich: Woods 7, ★HAYLOCK 8, Van Wyk 7, McGuire 7, Walford 6, Walsh 5, Barham 6, O'Neill 7, Deehan 7, Bertschin 7, Bennett 6.

Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)

Match Rating: ★★★

WEST BROM (1) 2 (Regis 36, Owen 60)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Wallace 3)

Att: 13,718

West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 6, Whitehead 7, Zondervan 7, Bennett 7, Robertson 6, Jol 6, Brown 7, Regis 6, ★OWEN 8, Eastoe 6 (sub. Cross 7).

Nott'm Forest: ★VAN BREKELEN 8, Anderson 7, Gunn 6, Bowyer 7, Fairclough 6 (sub. Proctor 6), Todd 7, Hodge 6, Wallace 7, Birtles 7, Walsh 6, Robertson 7.

Referee: E. Read (Bristol)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: Hodge (Nott'm Forest)

WEST HAM (1) 3 (Martin 36, Pike 48, Clark 79)

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Souness 75)

Att: 32,500

West Ham: Parkes 8, Stewart 7, Lampard 7, Bonds 7 (sub. Orr 6), ★MARTIN 9,

Devonshire 8, Neighbour 7, Goddard 8, Clark 7, Allen 7, Pike 7.

Liverpool: Grobelaar 7, Neal 7, Kennedy 7 (sub. Johnston), Thompson 6, Whelan 6, Hansen 7, Dalglish 8, ★LEE 9, Lawrenson 8, Rush 7, Souness 7.

Referee: A. Robinson (Portsmouth)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

Second Division

BARNESLEY (0) 0

QPR (0) 1 (Allen 51)

Att: 13,270

Barnsley: Horn 7, Law 6, Chambers 6, Glavin 5, Banks 5, McCarthy 6, ★SOUTER 8, Parker 6, Cunningham 5, Ronson 6, Birch 6 (sub. Barrowclough).

QPR: Hucker 6, Neill 7, Dawes 7, Waddock 7, Hazell 7, Fenwick 6, Micklewhite 6, Stewart 7, Allen 7 (sub. Wilkins), Stainrod 6, ★GREGORY 8.

Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)

Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Stainrod (QPR)

BOLTON (2) 2 (Thompson 23, Moores 33)

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Seasman 13, Gow 55)

Att: 6,577

Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 6 (sub. Foster 6), Deakin 5, McGovern 7, Jones 6, McElhinney 6, Chandler 7, ★HENRY 8, Rudge 7, Thompson 7, Moores 7.

Rotterdam: Mountford 7, Forrest 6, Breckin 7, McEwan 6, Hughes 6, Green 7, Towner 7, ★GOW 8, Moore 7, Seasman 7, McBride 6.

Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal)

Match Rating: ★★★★

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Taylor 60, Hamilton 87)

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Hinshelwood 27)

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CARLISLE (0) 4 (Poskett 58, 78, Bannon 63, Larkin 71)

CHARLTON (0) 1 (Hales 68)

Att: 4,606

Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Parker 7, Haigh 7, Ashurst 7, Larkin 6, CRAIG 8, Staniforth 7, Coughlin 7, Poskett 7, Bannon 7, Shoulder 6.

Charlton: JOHNNS 8, Curtis 6, Lansdowne 6, Mehmet 6, Elliott 6, Berry 7, Harris 7, Bullivant 6, White 6 (sub. Smith 7), Hales 7, Walker 7.

Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)

Match Rating: ★★★★

CHELSEA (0) 0

LEEDS (0) 0

Att: 25,358

Chelsea: Francis 6, Locke 6, Hutchings 6, Pates 6, DROY 7, McAndrew 6, Canoville 6, Burnstead 5 (sub. Robson), Speedie 5, Fillery 6.

Leeds: Lukic 6, Cherry 6, Gray, E. 6, BURNS 7, Hart 6, Thomas 5, Hird 6, Butterworth 5, Worthington 6, Gray, F. 6, Graham 5.

Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ★

DERBY (1) 1 (Brolly 15)

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Streete 12)

Att: 8,135

Derby: Banovic 6, Barton 5, Buckley 6, Attley 5, Foster 5, Powell 6, Brolly 6, Gamble 4 (sub. Emson 5), Hill 6, SWINDLEHURST 8, Daiziel 5.

Cambridge: Webster 6, Donaldson 6, Murray 5, Turner 4, Fallon 5, Lockhart 6, Nicholls 6, O'NEILL 7, Briley 6, Streete 5, Finney 6.

Referee: N. H. Glover (Chorley)

Match Rating: ★

FULHAM (2) 3 (Davies 24, Lewington, pen 43, Wilson 55)

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Brotherston 28)

Att: 5,698

Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 5, Lock 8, O'Driscoll 7, Brown 6, Gale 6, DAVIES 9, Wilson 6, Coney 7, Houghton 6, Lewington 8, Blackburn: GENNOE 8, Branigan 7, Rathbone 5, Lowry 6, Mail 6, Fazackerley 5, Barton 6, Stonehouse 5, Bell 5, Garner 7, Brotherston 6.

Referee: A. R. Glasson (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ★★★★

LEICESTER (0) 2 (Lynex 59, Lineker 70)

GRIMSBY (0) 0

Att: 9,640

Leicester: Wallington 6, Ramsey 6, Friar 6, MacDonald 7, May 6, O'Neill 6, Lynex 7, LINKEINER 8, Kelly 7, English 6, Wilson 6. Grimsby: Batch 6, Speight 7, Crombie 6, WATERS 7, Cooper 6, Moore 6, Ford 6, Kilmore 6, Drinkel 7, Bonnyman 7, Cumming 6.

Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)

Match Rating: ★★

OLDHAM (2) 2 (Heaton 27, Wyld 43)

NEWCASTLE (2) 2 (Varadi 7, 21)

Att: 11,491

Oldham: Goram 6, Sinclair 7, Ryan 7, Keegan 7, Clements 7, Fletcher 7, McDonough 6, ATKINSON 8, Heaton 7, Wyld 6, Palmer 6.

Newcastle: Carr 6, Anderson 6, Saunders 6, Martin 7, Clarke 6, Carney 6, Keegan 6, Todd 7 (sub. Wharton 6), VARADI 8, McDermott 6, McCreery 6.

Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)

Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Carney, McDermott (both Newcastle)

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0

WOLVES (0) 0

Att: 21,519

Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, STERLAND 8, Bailey 6, Smith 7, Lyons 7, Shelton 7, Megson 7, Taylor 7, Bannister 6, Owen 6, Pearson 7. Wolves: Burridge 7, Humphrey 7, Palmer 7, Smith 7, PENDER 8, Coy 7, Daniel 6, Clarke 6, Livingstone 6 (sub. Hibbitt), Eves 7, Matthews 6.

Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Stevens 38, Petts 63)

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 (Bell 61, Otto 69)

Att: 3,620

Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 6, Williams 7, Johnson 6, Petts 7, Pearson 7, Griffin 6, Cross 7, McLaren 7, Turner 6 (sub. Sankey 6), STEVENS 6, Bates 6.

Middlesbrough: Platt 6, Brownlie 6, Bolton 6, Otto 7, Baxter 6, Wood 6, Nettrass 6, Cochrane 7, Hankin 7, Kennedy 7, BELL 8.

Referee: H. Taylor (Leicester)

Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BOURNEMOUTH (2) 3 (Morgan 18, Graham 22, 71)

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Hemmerman 49)

Att: 5,818

Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 7, Sulley 7, Spackman 6, Brignull 7, Compton 7, Redkapp 7, Williams 7, Morgan 7, Funnell 8, GRAHAM 8.

Cardiff: Thomas 6, Jones 6 (sub. Bennett, G), Bodin 7, Ingram 6, DWYER 8, Mullen 6, Bennett 7, Tong 6, Hemmerman 7, Lewis 6.

Referee: T. Ward (London)

Match Rating: ★★★★

BRADFORD (1) 4 (Campbell 31, 47, Gallagher, pen 51, Gray 54)

PLYMOUTH (0) 0

Att: 4,690

Bradford: McManus 7, Podd 7, Chapman 8, Lester 7, Cooke 8, McFarland 8, Gray 7, Gallagher 7, CAMPBELL 9, Ellis 8, Mellor 8.

Plymouth: CRUDGINGTON 7, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 6, Harrison 5, Phillipson-Masters 5, Cooper 5, Hodges 6, Carter 6, Sims 5, McCartney 6, Dennis 6.

Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)

Match Rating: ★★★★

BRENTFORD (1) 4 (Hurlock 3, Joseph 46, 81, Bowles, pen 48)

CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Wilson 7, pen 67)

Att: 5,706

Brentford: Roche 6, Wilkins 5, Spencer 5, Whitehead 6, McNichol 6, Hurlock 7, Karama 7 (sub. Booker 6), JOSEPH 8, Mahoney 5, Bowles 7, Roberts 6.

Chesterfield: Turner 7, Bellamy 6, Partridge 6 (sub. Dawson 7), WILSON 8, Green 5, Henson 6, Strik 7, Henderson 6, Walker 7, Kowalski 6, Windridge 7.

Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)

Match Rating: ★★★★

GILLINGHAM (2) 2 (Grewcock 31, Casciano 40)

PRESTON (0) 1 (Bruce 73)

Att: 4,390

Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 7, Adams 6, Bruce 7, Tydeman 6, Sittow 6 (sub. Price 6), POWELL 8, Johnson 7, Casciano 7.

Preston: Litchfield 6, Walsh 6 (sub. Buckley 6), McAteer 7, Coleman 7, Westwell 6, Gowling 6, Kelly 6, Bell 7, Elliott 6.

NAUGHTON 8, Bruce 7

Referee: E. Scales (Ware)

Match Rating: ★★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Brown 30)

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Biley 33)

Att: 6,243

Huddersfield: Cox 7, Brown 7, Burke 6, PUGH 8, Sutton 6, Hanvey 6, Lillies 7, Doyle 7, Russell 7, Wilson 7, Cowling 7.

Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 7, Sullivan 6, Doyle 7, Howe 7, Aizlewood 7, Webb 7, Tait 7, RAFFERTY 8, Biley 7.

Referee: R. F. Nixon (West Kirby)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: Howe (Portsmouth)

LINCOLN (1) 5 (Shipley 20, 54, Hobson 48, Humphries, og 50, Cockerill 83)

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Douglas 63)

Att: 4,785

Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 7, Neale 7, Cockerill 8, Peake 8, Thompson 8, Burke 6 (sub. Turner 7), Hobson 7, Bell 7, SHIPLEY 9, Gilligan 6.

Doncaster: Boyd 7, Russell 6, SNODIN 8, Snodin 17, Lister 6, Dowd 6, Austin 6, Humphries 6, Douglas 6, Graham 6, Little 7 (sub. Liddle).

Referee: T. Borrett (Suffolk)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Buxton 51)

EXETER (1) 2 (Hatter 5, McEwan 77)

Att: 2,110

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, DAVIS 8, Bater 7, Hun 5 (sub King 6), Downman 6, Muldown 6, Arkwright 6, Gregory 7, Hill 5, McNeil 6, Buxton 6.

Exeter: Bond 7, Kirkup 6, Rogers, M 6, HATTER 8, Roberts 7, McEwan 7, Harle 6, Rogers, P 7, Kellow 6, Delve 7, Pullar 6.

Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)

Match Rating: ★★★★

MILLWALL (1) 2 (Neal 17, Martin 60)

OXFORD (0) 1 (Thomas 50)

Att: 3,906

Millwall: Sansome 8, Stevens 7, Madden 8, Massey 7, Allardyce 7, ROBERTS 9, Shinton 7, Neal 6, Aylott 7, Martin 6, West 6. Oxford: Burton 7, Linney 6, Fogg 7, Train 7, Briggs 7, Shotton 6, Barnett 6, Brock 6, Thomas 6, FOXLEY 8, Hebbard 7.

Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)

Match Rating: ★★★

NEWPORT (1) 2 (Vaughan 40, Tynan 74)

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0

Att: 5,912

Newport: Kendall 6, Jones 7, Relish 7, Bailey 8, Oakes 6, Stroud 6, Lowndes 8, Aldridge 7, Tynan 8, VAUGHAN 9, Elsey 7.

Bristol Rovers: Kite 5, SLATTER 8, Williams 6, Williams 6, Parkin 6, McCaffery 6, Holloway 6, Williams, D 7, Kelly 5 (sub. Hughes 5), Randall 7, Barrett 6.

Referee: M. Heath (Stoke)

Match Rating: ★★★★

READING (1) 3 (Earles 26, 60, Robinson 67)

ORIENT (0) 0

Att: 2,539

Reading: Fearon 7, Williams 7, Richardson 7, Beaven 8, Hicks 7, White 7, Bason 6, Earles 8, Dixon 8, Sanchez 6, ROBINSON 9.

Orient: DAY 9, Osgood 6, Roffey 6, Foster 6, Smith 6, Gray 6, Godfrey 7, Donn 6, Blackhall 6, Silkman 7, Vincent 5 (sub. Taylor 5)

Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WALSALL (0) 0

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0

Att: 5,365

Walsall: GREEN 9, Caswell 7, Mower 7, Beech 7, Marshall 8, Hart 8, Shakespeare 7, Arthur 7, Kearns 7, Buckley 6, Preece 7.

Sheffield Utd: Conroy 7, Atkins 7, Garner 8, Richardson 8, MACPHAIL 8, Houston 7, Morris 7, Charles 7, Young 6, Curran 7, King 6 (sub. Brazil 6).

Referee: D. Brazier (Northampton)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WIGAN (2) 4 (O'Keefe 39, 46, pen 87, Houghton 41)

SOUTHEND (0) 0

Att: 4,704

Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 6, Lloyd 6, Cribbley 6, Weston 7, Langley 7, Glenn 7, GEMMILL 8, O'Keefe 7, Bradd 6, Houghton 7.

Southend: Cawston 6, Stead 6, Cusack 6, Clark 5, Yates 5, OTULAKOWSKI 8, Pountney 6, Pennyfather 6, Phillips 6, Nelson 7, Mercer 6.

Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Buxton 51)

EXETER (1) 2 (Hatter 5, McEwan 77)

Att: 2,110

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, DAVIS 8, Bater 7, Hun 5 (sub King 6), Downman 6, Muldown 6, Arkwright 6, Gregory 7, Hill 5, McNeil 6, Buxton 6.

Exeter: Bond 7, Kirkup 6, Rogers, M 6, HATTER 8, Roberts 7, McEwan 7, Harle 6, Rogers, P 7, Kellow 6, Delve 7, Pullar 6.

Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)

Match Rating: ★★★★

BLACKPOOL (0) 0

HALIFAX (0) 0

Att: 4,150

Blackpool: HESFORD 8, Simmonite 5, Hart 6, Jeffrey 4, Derry 6, Greenall 6, Hockaday 6, Stewart 5 (sub. Noble 5), Bamber 5, Paschley 6, Downes 5.

Halifax: Butcher 7, Noble 7, CARR 8, Evans 7, Smith 7, Wood 6, Hallybone 6, Davison 6, Spooner 6 (sub. Goodman 6), Nuttall 7, Ward 7.

Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)

Match Rating: ★

BRISTOL CITY (1) 2 (Crawford 8, Chandler 61)

YORK (1) 2 (Byrne 40, Ford 82)

Att: 3,680

Bristol City: SHAW 8, Newman 7, Johnson 6, Nicholls 6, Boyle 5, Bray 7, Economou 6, Thompson 7, Chandler 6, Riley 7, Crawford 6.

York: Jones 7, Evans 7, Dawson 6, Sbragia 6, Crosby 7, HOOD 8, Pollard 6, Ford 7, Walwyn 6, Byrne 7, Senior 6 (sub. Busby 6).

Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)

Match Rating: ★★★

DARLINGTON (0) 0

CHESTER (1) 2 (Thomas 28, Kinsey 82)

Att: 1,387

Darlington: Cuff 7, Gilbert 5, Wilson 6, Smith 6, Halliday 6, Kamara 6, Hawker 5, McLEAN 7, Dunn 5, Walsh 6, McFadden 5.

Chester: Millington 6, Edwards 6, Lane 6, Stortz 7, Zelem 7, Dean 7, Sloan 6, Kinsey 7, Thomas 7, Lidiham 6, WILSON 8.

Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)

Match Rating: ★★★

HULL (2) 4 (Mutrie 37, 82, Roberts, D 45, Skipper 76)

TORQUAY (1) 1 (Gallagher 44)

Att: 4,128

Hull: Norman 5, McNeil 6, Roberts, D 7, Skipper 7, Askew 7, Booth 6, McLaren 6, ROBERTS, G 9, Marwood 8, Whitehurst 6, Mutrie 8.

Torquay: Horn 5, Riach 6, Smith 7, Wilson 5, Wiggin 6, Brown 5 (sub. Young), GRAPES 8, Sermanni 7, Cooper 6,

Anderson 7, Gallagher 6.

Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)

Match Rating: ★★★★

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Bell 42)

BURY (1) 4 (Bramhall 20, Firth 51, Hilton, P 56, Madden 88)

Att: 2,415

Mansfield: Arnold 5, Woodhead 6, Kennedy 6, Day 5, Ayre 5, BIRD 7, Bell 6, Nicholson 6, Waddle 5, Dungworth 5, Boam 6 (sub. Matthews 5)

Bury: Brown 6, Gardner 6, Kenworthy 5, Gore 5, Hilton 5, Bramhall 6, Firth 6, Madden 6, JOHN 8, Jakub 6, Cruickshank 6.

Referee: T. J. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)

Match Rating: ★★★

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Angus 16)

Att: 3,075

Peterborough: Seaman 6, Winters 6, Collins 6, GYNN 8, Firm 6, Rodaway 7, Slack 5 (sub. Linton 5), Quow 6,

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WIMBLEDON (2) 6 (Hodges 22, 69,
Ketteridge 26, Gage 68, 78, Leslie 77)
ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Banton 21)
Att: 2,440
Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Peters 7, Thomas 7,
Gage 7, Tagg 8, Morris 7, Evans 7, Ketteridge
7, Leslie 8, Downes 8, ★**HODGES** 9.
Aldershot: Johnson 5, Andruszewski 5,
Gillard 5, Shrubbs 5, Scott 6, Fielder 5,
Sanford 6, ★**BANTON** 7, Goddard 6,
McDonald 6, Brodie 6.
Referee: M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

CELTIC (0) 1 (Nicholas 68)
ABERDEEN (0) 3 (Strachan, pen 54,
Simpson 58, McGhee 87)
Att: 29,743
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 6, Reid 6, Sinclair
6, McAdam 7, Aitken 6, McStay 7, MacLeod 6
(sub. Crainie 6), Nicholas 7, ★**McGARVEY** 8,
Provan 6.
Aberdeen: ★**LEIGHTON** 8, Cooper 7,
Rougvie 6, Bell 6 (sub. Watson), McLeish 7,
Miller 7, McMaster 6, Simpson 7, Strachan 6,
McGhee 7.
Referee: A. Waddle (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★★
Sending Off: McGrain (Celtic)

DUNDEE (1) 2 (Smith 29, Ferguson 86)
HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (Rae 3)
Att: 5,287
Dundee: Kelly 6, Glennie 7, McKinnie 6,
Smith 6, MacDonald 7, ★**FRASER** 8,
Stephen 6, Mackie 7, Fleming 6, Sinclair 6,
Ferguson 7.
Hibs: McArthur 6, Sneddon 7, Duncan 6,
McNamara 7, Rae 6, Callaghan 6, Rice 7,
★**TURNBULL** 8, Thomson 6, Jamieson 7,
Irvine 6.
Referee: G. Timmons (Kilwinning)
Match Rating: ★★★
Sending Off: Thomson (Hibs)

KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (Gallagher 28)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Milne, pen 74)
Att: 2,500
Kilmarnock: McCulloch 7, McDicken 6,
MacLeod 7, Clark 7, J. Armstrong 7,
★**CLARKE** 8, McGivern 6, McLean 6 (sub.
Bourke), Gallagher 7, McClurg 6, Clark, R 6
(sub. Bryson 6).
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Malpas 6, Stark 6,
Gough 6, ★**HEGARTY** 8, Narey 7, Britton 6
(sub. Holt), Milne 7, Kirkwood 6, Sturrock 6,
Dodd 7.
Referee: B. Robertson (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★★

MORTON (0) 0
RANGERS (0) 0
Att: 12,000
Morton: Baines 7, Houston 6, Holmes 7,
McLaughlin 6, ★**JACKSON** 8, Docherty 7,
McNab 6 (sub. McNeill 7), Duffy 6, Rooney 7,
Hutchison 6 (sub. Cochrane 6), Ritchie 6.
Rangers: Stewart 7, McKinnon 6, Redford 7,
McClelland 7, Paterson 6, Bett 7, Cooper 6,
Prytz 6 (sub. McPherson), Johnstone 7,
★**RUSSELL** 8, McDonald 7.
Referee: R. Cuthill (Wynchburgh)
Match Rating: ★★★

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (McLeod 75, Flavell 82)
ST MIRREN (0) 0
Att: 4,292
Motherwell: Sproat 6, McLeod 7, Forsyth 6,
Carson 7, Edvaldsen 6, Mauchlen 7,
★**FLAVELL** 8, Clinging 6 (sub. Burns 6),
O'Hara 7, McClelland 6, Conn 7 (sub. Rafferty
6).
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Wilson 6, Clarke 6,
McAveety 7, Copeland 7, Fitzpatrick 6, Stark
6, McDougal 7 (sub. Logan), McAvennie 6,
★**RICHARDSON** 8, Scanlan 6.
Referee: R. Valentine (Dundee)
Match Rating: ★★★

First Division

CLYDE (0) 0
RAITH (0) 2 (Harris 60, Russell 80)
Att: 550
DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Brown 73)
HAMILTON (1) 5 (Donnelly 14, McNaught
63, Craig 69, Fairlie 81, Murphy 87)
Att: 700
DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (Tait 36)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (Quinn 60)
Att: 1,300

FALKIRK (1) 1 (Oliver 10)
AYR (2) 3 (McAllister 22, Oliver, og 28,
McNaughton 85)
Att: 800

HEARTS (0) 3 (MacDonald, R 50, Holt, og 61,
Robertson 76)
ALLOA (0) 0
Att: 4,382

PARTICK (0) 0
CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Treasor 31)
Att: 2,088

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (Addison 71)
AIRDRIE (0) 0
Att: 2,590

Second Division

ALBION (0) 0
BRECHIN (0) 0
Att: 460

BERWICK (0) 2 (Cashmore 57, Tracey 63)
COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Rose 88)
Att: 950

EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Pryde 65)
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Munn 85)
Att: 630

FORFAR (0) 5 (Gallacher 47, 53, 69, 82,
Caldwell 76)
EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (McCaig 30)
Att: 620

MONTROSE (0) 0
MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Hendrie 81)
Att: 450

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (Alexander
60)
STIRLING (0) 0
Att: 600

STRANRAER (0) 0
ARBROATH (1) 1 (Burke 19)
Att: 200

Division One

HOME Goals **AWAY** Goals
P W D L F A W D L F A Pts
Man Utd 9 4 1 9 2 2 1 1 6 4 20
West Ham 9 3 1 1 14 5 3 0 1 7 4 19
WBA 9 4 0 1 12 4 2 0 2 6 6 18
Watford 9 1 0 17 5 2 1 2 5 5 17
Liverpool 9 3 1 0 14 6 2 1 2 6 6 16
Tottenham 9 3 1 1 17 5 2 0 2 4 6 16
Man City 9 3 0 1 15 3 2 0 3 6 5 15
Luton 9 2 1 1 11 6 1 3 1 12 15 17
Stoke 9 1 0 10 9 0 0 0 0 7 3 13
Notts F 9 3 0 1 7 5 1 0 4 8 13 12
A Villa 9 3 0 1 11 5 1 0 4 2 11 12
Brighton 9 3 2 2 0 7 4 0 1 3 2 16 12
Everton 9 3 2 2 0 12 5 0 0 4 3 9 11
Arsenal 9 3 1 0 13 6 2 1 2 4 3 11
Swansea 9 3 0 1 8 4 0 2 3 3 9 11
Sunderland 9 2 2 1 7 4 1 0 2 3 5 13 11
Notts Co 9 3 1 1 16 7 0 2 3 4 9 11
Coventry 9 3 1 0 15 6 2 0 4 4 11 10
Ipswich 9 1 1 3 5 5 0 2 2 1 9 3 8
Southmtn 9 2 0 2 3 3 5 0 2 3 2 14 8
Norwich 9 1 1 2 8 7 0 3 2 5 12 7
Birmingham 9 1 2 2 5 8 0 0 4 1 14 5

Division Two

HOME Goals **AWAY** Goals
P W D L F A W D L F A Pts
Wolves 9 4 0 6 11 1 2 3 0 3 0 21
QPR 10 3 1 1 9 6 3 1 1 4 2 18
Sheff Wed 9 3 1 1 11 7 3 0 1 10 6 19
Grimbsy 9 3 1 0 9 1 3 0 2 10 10 19
Fullham 9 3 2 0 12 5 2 0 2 8 8 17
Luton 9 2 0 2 9 4 2 2 1 7 6 13
Leicester 9 2 0 3 9 4 2 2 1 7 6 13
Chelsea 9 2 3 0 8 3 1 1 1 2 4 5 13
Carlisle 9 3 0 2 14 9 1 1 1 2 5 11 13
Newcastle 9 1 2 1 4 4 2 1 2 11 9 12
Bury 9 3 1 0 8 5 2 0 2 1 4 5 12
C. Palme 9 3 1 0 8 5 2 0 2 1 4 5 12
Oldham 9 3 1 0 8 5 2 0 2 1 5 6 11
Burnley 9 2 1 2 8 6 1 0 2 6 7 10
Shrewsbury 9 2 1 2 6 7 1 0 3 3 6 8 10
Portsmouth 9 2 0 2 8 7 1 0 4 4 13 9
Blackburn 9 2 0 2 8 7 1 0 4 4 13 9
Bolton 9 2 1 2 8 7 0 1 3 1 8 8
Charlton 9 1 1 2 4 5 1 1 3 7 15 8
Cam Utd 10 2 1 2 5 5 0 1 5 5 12 7
Derby 9 2 1 2 8 7 0 1 2 3 7 6 6
Midlesbrou 9 0 1 3 4 13 0 3 2 5 10 4

Division Three

HOME Goals **AWAY** Goals
P W D L F A W D L F A Pts
Lincoln 9 5 0 0 16 2 2 0 2 3 4 21
Bradford C 9 4 1 0 13 5 1 1 2 5 8 17
Oxford 9 2 2 0 8 6 3 3 0 2 6 6 17
Newport 9 4 1 1 9 5 3 1 1 2 7 17
Gillingham 9 3 0 1 8 6 3 2 1 5 6 16
Cardiff 9 3 0 1 8 4 3 1 2 9 10 16
Brentford 9 4 1 0 16 6 0 2 2 7 9 15
Wigan 9 4 0 1 14 6 1 0 3 9 10 15
Plymouth 9 3 0 1 10 3 1 3 1 6 6 15
Southend 9 0 0 1 11 7 1 0 1 10 10 15
Bristol R 9 3 0 1 9 4 1 2 2 7 9 14
Bournemouth 9 3 1 1 8 5 3 0 1 2 6 13
Millwall 9 3 1 1 8 6 0 1 3 3 7 11
Sheff Wed 9 3 0 1 8 4 2 0 2 5 1 10
Huddersf 9 3 0 1 12 4 0 3 2 3 2 10
Preston 9 2 1 1 9 6 1 0 4 7 13 10
Wrexham 9 2 1 2 4 4 1 0 3 2 9 9 10
Ortton 9 2 1 1 8 5 4 0 2 5 11 10
Plymouth 9 3 1 2 10 7 1 1 3 3 9 9 8
Exeter 9 2 1 2 5 7 8 2 2 3 9 9 8
Walsall 9 2 1 2 5 7 8 2 2 3 9 9 8
Chesterf 9 1 1 2 4 4 1 0 1 3 5 9 8
Reading 9 2 2 1 9 6 0 0 4 7 15 8
Doncaster 9 2 1 1 16 12 0 0 5 3 14 7

Division Four

	HOME	Goals	AWAY	Goals	Pts						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
Wimblen	9	3	2	0	14	5	22	0	7	2	15
Bury	9	2	2	0	6	3	12	0	6	2	13
Sunthrpe	9	4	0	1	11	4	12	2	4	9	14
Torquay	9	2	1	1	7	2	12	2	4	9	17
Chester	9	2	1	0	7	2	12	1	5	3	15
Colchester	9	3	1	0	9	2	12	1	2	2	15
Fulham	9	2	3	0	10	3	12	1	3	4	12
Hull C	9	2	0	1	10	3	12	1	5	4	14
Swindon	9	2	0	1	12	2	12	1	4	4	14
Mansfeld	9	2	1	2	5	8	21	1	4	4	14
Blackpool	9	2	3	0	9	3	12	2	4	7	13
Hartlepool	9	2	1	0	7	5	12	0	3	5	12
York C	9	2	2	0	7	5	12	0	4	3	12
Aldershot	9	2	0	2	5	6	12	2	3	13	11
Northton	9	1	3	2	10	8	11	1	3	3	10
Dagen	9	2	1	0	8	1	9	0	3	5	10
Peterboro	9	2	1	2	6	5	12	1	4	4	12
Hereford	9	0	2	1	4	0	0	5	3	13	2

SCOTTISH Premier Division

	HOME	Goals	AWAY	Goals	Pts					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Celtic	6	2	0	1	5	3	21	0	11	9
Rangers	6	1	2	0	6	1	2	0	4	3
Dundee U	6	2	1	0	8	7	20	0	1	8
Dundee	6	3	0	1	7	2	20	1	1	8
Aberdeen	6	2	0	1	7	4	11	1	4	7
Morton	6	1	2	0	3	1	10	2	3	6
St Mirren	6	1	1	1	5	5	10	2	0	5
Kilmarnock	6	0	3	2	0	2	8	2	2	4
Hibernian	6	0	2	1	5	6	12	2	2	3
Motherwell	1	1	1	4	9	0	3	3	8	3

First Division

	HOME	Goals	AWAY	Goals	Pts						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
Meathwink	9	3	0	1	6	5	41	0	8	3	15
Athroobh	9	4	0	0	3	2	11	7	13		
Berwick	9	2	3	0	9	7	12	1	6	7	
East Fife	9	1	2	0	7	2	20	2	7	2	
Cowdenbth	9	3	0	1	8	5	12	2	5	6	
Stirling	9	3	1	0	6	1	11	3	4	8	
Albion R	9	3	1	1	7	3	11	2	5	8	
Cn H	9	2	0	2	6	6	10	2	5	5	
Stennsbur	9	1	2	1	4	8	12	2	3	5	
Forfar	9	2	2	1	8	4	10	0	4	3	
Stranraer	9	1	0	2	4	6	9	1	2	5	
E. Stirling	9	0	2	2	3	6	0	5	3	17	

Second Division

	HOME	Goals	AWAY	Goals	Pts						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
Meathwink	9	3	0	1	6	5	41	0	8	3	15
Berwick	9	2	3	0	9	7	12	1	6	7	
East Fife	9	1	2	0	7	2	20	2	7	2	
Cowdenbth	9	3	0	1	8	5	12	2	5	6	
Stirling	9	3	1	0	6	1	11	3	4	8	
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Stennsbur	9	1	2	1	4	8	12	2	3	5	
Forfar	9	2	2	1	8	4	10	0	4	3	
Stranraer	9	1	0	2	4	6	9	1	2	5	
E. Stirling	9	0	2	2	3	6	0	5	3	17	

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MacDonald (Rangers) 2 8 10

Strachan (Aberdeen) 3 7 10

Ferguson (Dundee) 3 6 9

Dodds (Dundee Utd.) 2 5 7

Sturrock (Dundee Utd.) 2 5 7

McLean (Kilmarnock) 1 6 7

First Division

	HOME	Goals	AWAY	Goals	Pts		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brogan (St Johnson)	9	10	19				
Donnelly (Dumbarton)	7	5	12				
Johnston (Partick)	5	5	10				
Gilmour (Queen's Park)	5	4	9				
Pettigrew (Hearts)	2	7	9				
Williamson (Clydebank)	5	3	8				
Fairlie (Hamilton)	6	2	8				

Second Division

SWEET REVENGE

LIVERPOOL gained the perfect revenge over Ipswich, who robbed us of our unbeaten record in the First Division.

Just three days after suffering our first League defeat in 24 matches, we returned to Portman Road to beat our old rivals 2-1 in the Milk Cup Second Round, first leg.

Obviously we were very disappointed to see our unbeaten run come to an end, but it's better to lose it to a top side like Ipswich rather than a club that's struggling.

There was nothing between us in either game. They had the breaks when they won the League encounter 1-0 while the luck went our way in the Cup match.

Welsh striker Ian Rush, who missed the first game, scored both goals in our 2-1 victory and he looked very sharp indeed. You obviously miss a player of his calibre because he's such a good finisher.

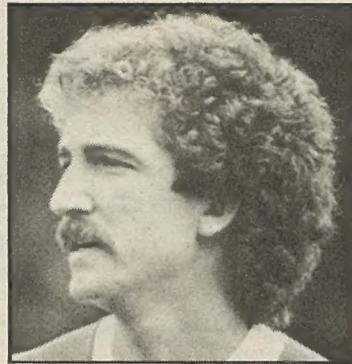
In ten days time, we face the Suffolk side yet again in the Milk Cup second leg at Anfield, but although we lead 2-1, you won't find us being complacent about the final outcome.

After a sticky start, Ipswich are now beginning to play the football everyone knows they are capable of. They'll provide us with a real test.

Before we can think about that game, we've got a very

Kenny Dalglish in action against Ipswich — he was naturally disappointed to be left out of the Scotland squad.

The GRAEME SOUNESS Column



The Liverpool and Scotland skipper takes you behind the scenes at Anfield every fortnight — only in 'Match'.

important First Division match against Championship challengers Manchester United.

Along with Ipswich, I regard United as our biggest threat to the title so we are expecting a really hard game in front of a capacity Anfield crowd.

They beat us 1-0 at home last season and we're determined to put the record straight this time round.

Looking further ahead, the following Saturday we come face to face with a young man who's taken the First Division by storm — Stoke winger Mark Chamberlain.

We travel to the Victoria Ground and it will be my first opportunity to see Mark since

he burst onto the scene and earned an England call-up.

Stoke have been tagged an unglamorous defensive side in recent years, but this season they are really trying to change that. They've got a good side that's capable of playing and entertaining.

Liverpool have been strengthened by the return of striker David Fairclough, who made his First Division comeback against Ipswich when he came on for Sammy Lee.

David spent the summer in the North American Soccer League playing for Toronto Blizzard and his spell there has done him a lot of good. He's returned looking very sharp and has been scoring

regularly in the reserves.

Although David — nicknamed 'Supersub' by the fans — hasn't been able to command a regular place in the Liverpool side, he obviously feels he's got a future at the club because he's just signed a new contract.

On the international scene, Scotland manager Jock Stein's first squad since the World Cup produced the changes predicted in the Press with players like my team-mate Kenny Dalglish and stalwarts Alan Rough and Danny McGrain dropping out for younger blood.

The manager is looking to the future so his selections didn't really surprise me — I was just pleased to see my own name included!

Obviously Kenny was very disappointed to be dropped, but he could still make the next Scotland squad.

On a personal note, Sammy Lee and myself recently turned actors for a day when we rehearsed for an episode of a new television series called 'The Men From The Black Stuff'.

We're involved in a scene where we are in a pub knocking over a pile of pennies for charity. Although it took a day to rehearse, I doubt we'll be on television for more than one and a half minutes!

See you in two weeks!

● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



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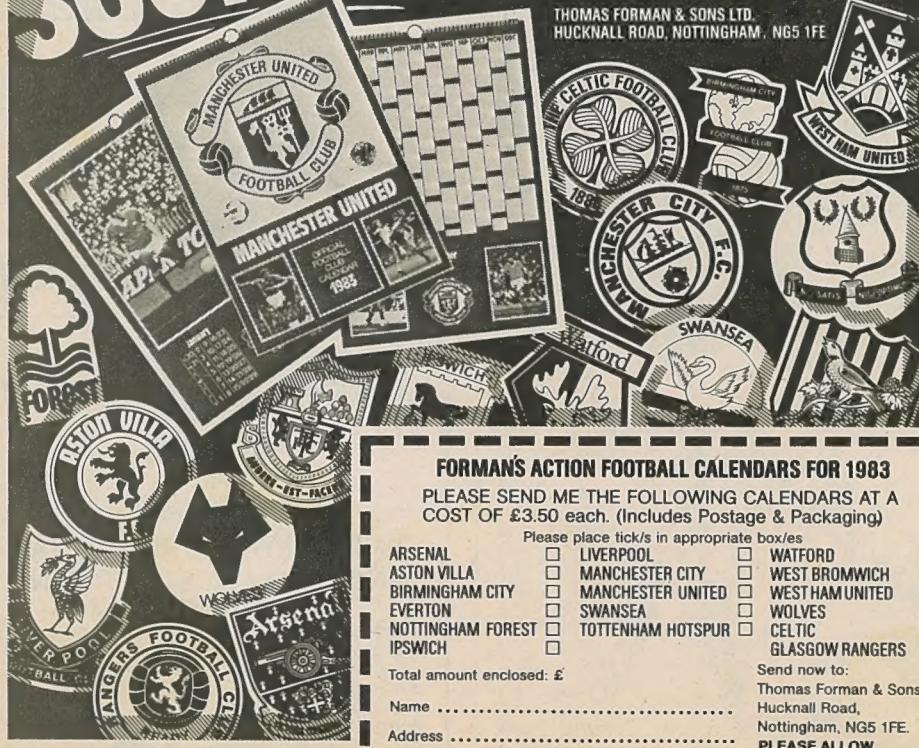
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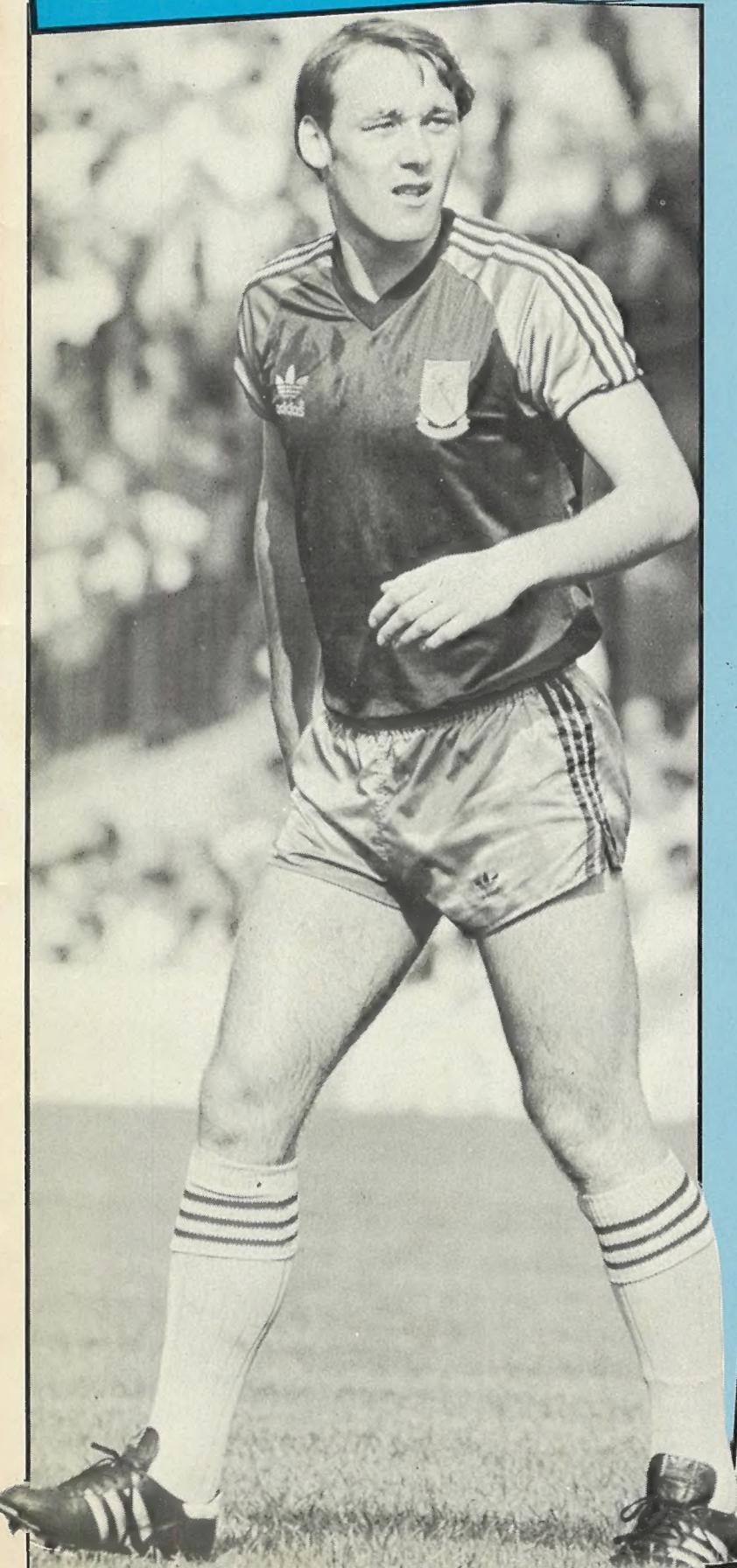
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SANDY HOPES FOR A BIG IMPACT . . .

LATEST Scottish import Sandy Clark hopes to follow in the same glittering footsteps that led Tottenham's Steve Archibald to fame and fortune in the First Division.

When Steve swept down from Aberdeen in a £800,000 move, he took the First Division by storm.

He finished top scorer with twenty League goals in his first season and forced his way into the Scotland team.

Now Sandy, recruited by West Ham for just a quarter of Steve's fee, is out to make the same kind of impact.

And with four goals in his first eight games, he has not made a bad start in his bid to catch the eye of Scotland manager Jock Stein.

Although his immediate aim is to settle fully into his new role as a full-time footballer, the former Airdrie player makes no secret of the fact that he would love to represent his country.

And the move to the First Division with one of the country's top clubs has given him his first real chance of achieving that ambition.

"Being a part-time player, I couldn't expect to get international recognition," says the 25-year-old, who was second top scorer in the Scottish Premier Division last season with 15 goals.

"It wouldn't have been fair to expect the manager to give me a chance.

"But now I've gone full-time, I

Left: Sandy Clark — "I hope I can show the Scotland boss what I can do."

Below: Tottenham's Steve Archibald — Sandy's hoping to follow in his footsteps.

hope I can show the Scotland boss what I can do."

Sandy, the Premier Division's 'Player of the Year' last season, has slotted in well in a West Ham side currently leading the London challenge for the First Division Championship.

He has made a successful transition to full-time training and coped well with the pressure of replacing David Cross, who was almost a cult figure with the Hammers' fans.

"Every striker goes through a period of four or five games without a goal," he says.

And even the failure to score in his first four games didn't shake his belief that he could make a name for himself in the First Division.

"I suppose it was worse for me because I was with a new club. It was the start of the season and the fans obviously wondered whether I could score goals.

"I was playing a new system with a different set of players. I had to get to know them and they had to get to know my strengths.

"But I've gradually got things sorted out with Paul Goddard and the goals have come.

"When you join a club, you set out to prove yourself, and I think I have done that."

Before West Ham came in, Sandy faced the prospect of Scottish First Division football with relegated Airdrie this season — dividing his time between soccer and his job in a credit company office.

He admits: "I was at a stage in my career when I needed a change. It was a matter of moving on or seeing out my career with Airdrie.

"Fortunately, West Ham made an offer and I never had second thoughts about taking it up."



OXFORD UNITED



BACK ROW (left to right) — Gary Briggs, Roy Burton, David Fogg, John Butcher, David Grant, Mick Vinter, Tim Smithers, Malcolm Shotton, Trevor Hebbert, Steve Biggins, Ray Graydon, Ken Fish (trainer), Andy Thomas.

MIDDLE ROW — Jim Smith (manager), Ray Train, Gary Barnett, Peter Foley, (coach).

FRONT ROW — Kevin Brock, David Linney, Mark Jones, Jim Smith (manager), Ray Train, Gary Barnett, Peter Foley,